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December 18, 2007

Robert E. Carter, Director
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Interstate Transportation and Sale of Live, Indiana Coyotes

Dear Director Carter:

On behalf of our nearly 160,000 constituents in Indiana, the Humane Society of the United States advocates a regulation banning the sale of live coyotes year-round for the following reasons:

I. Animal Welfare

Keeping live coyotes for the purpose of being sold to dog training facilities is inherently inhumane, and should be banned on this premise alone. Exposure to repeated, prolonged, and unavoidable pursuit results in chronic physiological stress, an associated detriment to health, and the possibility of death even with the presence of escape shelters.

Penned coyotes often meet a cruel end when torn apart by dog packs. No dog trainer can guarantee that a dog pack chasing its quarry can be prevented from attacking and killing the pursued animal. This blood sport bears a striking resemblance to dog fighting, which is illegal in all 50 states.

Additionally, as the recent 2-year investigations revealed, trapped coyotes sold into the live market endure cramped and inhumane long-distance transport.

II. Disease Transmission

Trapped, live coyotes are trafficked to many states; including some where penning is illegal, creating an immense disease threat. Studies have found that transporting live, wild animals for penning purposes has directly led to the spread of rabies, and other devastating diseases dangerous to wildlife, pets, and even people.

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A study published in the *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* examining the disease presence found in captive wildlife kept for dog training enclosures concluded that the common practice of wild canid translocation for penning is "biologically hazardous."¹

Under natural conditions coyotes tend to be solitary animals outside of the breeding season, thereby minimizing disease transmission between individuals. However, in the artificial conditions that are found in hound hunting and training enclosures, the risk of spreading these diseases between individuals of the same species or to the dogs and their handlers is greatly increased.

Organizations that have adopted a resolution in favor of increased restrictions or prohibitions on transporting wildlife for penning purposes include:

- National Association of Public Health Veterinarians
- American Veterinary Medical Association
- United States Animal Health Association
- Council of State Territorial Epidemiologists
- International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society²

Additionally, three Indiana newspapers have written editorials encouraging the adoption of a year-round ban on the live sale of Indiana coyotes. These editorials, as well as an article that ran in the *Sullivan Times* by Outdoorsman Don Jordan, are enclosed.

In closing, we appreciate the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' willingness to address this most important issue. We support and encourage the Department to consider restricting live-sales year-round.

Sincerely,

Anne Sterling
Anne Sterling
Indiana State Director

¹ Davidson, W.R. et al. 1992. Diseases and parasites of red foxes, gray foxes, and coyotes from commercial sources selling to fox-chasing enclosures. *Journal of Wildlife Diseases* 28(4): 581-589.

² Baker, O.E. 1998. Status of Fox and Coyote Hunting Enclosures in the Southeastern United States. *Proceedings of the fifty-second annual conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies* 52: 367-376.

Enclosures:

**Indianapolis Star Editorial
South Bend Tribune Editorial
Gary Post Tribune Editorial
Sullivan Times Article**

Cc:

**Bryan Poynter, Chair, Natural Resources Commission
Glen Salmon, Director of Fish and Wildlife, Indiana DNR
Col. Michael Crider, Director, Law Enforcement, Indiana DNR**

IndyStar.com › Opinion
October 23, 2007

EDITORIAL

Coyotes for sale: Let's stop state's live-bait trade

Our position:

The state should ban trappers from selling coyotes to be used as live bait.

Coyotes are something of a nuisance animal, one with a growing population. But nuisance or not, coyotes should be treated humanely. Which is why the General Assembly should close a loophole in Indiana law that may be leading to mistreatment of the animals.

An official with the state Department of Natural Resources says the agency has seen evidence that trappers are capturing live coyotes and then selling them out of state for use as bait to train hunting dogs. Live-bait training is banned in Indiana but legal in states such as South Carolina and Virginia.

Animal-rights activists claim the dogs are at times allowed to capture and kill bait animals, including coyotes and rabbits.

Trappers dispute that assertion, saying that trapped animals are usually kept alive to collect their urine. Defenders of live-bait training say the captive animals are treated well.

It's clear, however, that DNR never intended to allow for trapped animals to be shipped out of state. The agency has proposed a rule change that would require euthanizing within 24 hours coyotes captured outside the normal trapping season.

A legislative study committee is scheduled to take up the issue next week. DNR also plans to schedule public hearings on the matter early next year.

Selling wild animals to trainers may be lucrative for trappers, but it's a practice that easily can be abused. The state should end it once and for all.

November 13, 2007

Opinion

SouthBendTribune.com

Sale of coyotes should be banned

OUR OPINION

The state of Indiana should not allow coyotes to be trapped and then sold in other states to be used as live bait. That is what happens now. As far as we can tell, no one except for a very small special interest group thinks it's a good idea.

There was a time in northcentral Indiana when this might have seemed like someone else's concern. But the fact is that coyotes are becoming prevalent throughout Indiana. Furthermore, there are solid policy reasons for banning the sale of coyotes for live bait that ought to concern everyone.

Here is what happens: Trappers who catch coyotes during the off-season keep them alive and sell them to out-of-state hunting-dog trainers. The animals are released in enclosures so dogs can track them.

The trainers say the dogs are not allowed to catch, harm or kill the coyotes, but others doubt that claim. Opponents of the practice say that using coyotes is inhumane in any case since it undeniably consists of setting packs of dogs on disoriented, terrified, penned animals.

It is illegal in Indiana, and in most states, to use wild animals for training purposes. Because of an ambiguity in the law, it isn't clearly illegal to sell them outside of the state for hunting-dog training. A few states, such as South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, do allow live-bait training.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has moved to end the practice of catching and selling coyotes. This fall, the Natural Resources Commission approved a ban. Under the new rule, coyotes that are trapped off-season because they are nuisances have to be euthanized.

The special interest group advocating business as usual, one might guess, is the trappers. A coyote pelt brings about \$12. Hunting-dog trainers pay about \$200 for a live coyote. The trappers have found friends in the Statehouse and are asking that the DNR rule be overturned by the legislature.

It is easy to understand why advocates for animal protection want to see a ban on the sale of wild animals for live bait. It is undeniably a cruel use. There are other arguments

against the practice, too. Two come from the Ohio and Kentucky divisions of wildlife, both of which weighed in on Indiana's issue. Bordering states both have an interest in Indiana wildlife management.

Both states pointed out in letters to the Indiana DNR that coyotes are vectors of rabies, canine distemper, mange, parvovirus, brucellosis and echinococcus, which is why allowing them to be sold as commodities and transferred from state to state is in conflict with good wildlife management practices. The neighboring states urged Indiana to adopt the ban.

The cruelty argument or the sound-wildlife-practices argument would be good enough for us. For either reason -- or both -- the General Assembly should stay out of this issue. The Natural Resources Commission has it right.

Post-Tribune

OPINION :: PRINTER FRIENDLY » EMAIL ARTICLE »

Indiana needs law banning coyote sales

December 1, 2007

Earlier this month, the results from a two-year investigation by state and federal wildlife officials into the illegal sale of wild animals for hunting-dog training were released.

The study indicated that Indiana isn't doing all it can to halt the sale of coyotes to other states.

Although the state is taking steps to ban the export of coyotes to out-of-state hunting-dog trainers, it hasn't gone far enough.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources two months ago adopted a rule to prohibit the sale of coyotes to other states during coyote-trapping season. The new rule further orders that nuisance coyotes trapped during the off season must be euthanized.

Although those rules are improvements, the General Assembly should take the issue a step further when it convenes in January.

While wild animals cannot be used for training purposes in Indiana, it is allowed in some states. Hunting-dog trainers in other states say they do not allow the dogs to catch the coyotes. Yet, animal-rights activists claim dogs are sometimes allowed to capture and brutally kill the coyotes. A few states -- including South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia -- allow the live-bait training.

Even if the dogs aren't allowed to reach the coyotes during training, it is an inhumane practice to subject the coyotes to such terror and disorganization.

It also should be noted that coyotes are carriers of rabies, canine distemper, mange, parvovirus and brucellosis. Transferring animals with such conditions is not in keeping with good wildlife practices.

It seemingly is too easy to skirt the new rules adopted by the Indiana DNR. It's the Legislature's job to put teeth in the law and impose a year-round ban on the sale of coyotes to other states.

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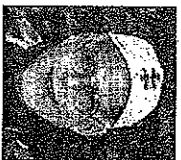
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Monday

Wildlife sales for live-bait dog training under fire

INSIDE OUTDOORS

By Don
Jordan



You would have had to be watching the news like a hawk earlier this month to discover Indiana and America's latest wildlife scandal, but if you did hear about the arrest of a Henry County man for selling trapped animals to be used for "live-bait dog training," you were probably as disgraced as I was.

Indiana conservation officers arrested Earl Hunt, Kennard, on "multiple charges" after officers found evidence that Hunt was heavily involved in illegal shipping and sale of wildlife. Hunt also was illegally

holding scores of wild animals.

The Indiana arrests came as part of a two-year, five-state investigation of illegal wildlife trade. Besides Indiana, officers from Georgia, South Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia look part in the case, which is ongoing.

Hunt's arrest is just the tip of the iceberg in the live-bait dog-training business. Trapped "nuisance" animals like coyotes and raccoons are being sold to professional dog-training businesses, primarily in the south, as live bait.

This is how it works. Joe in Alabama buys a coyote or a raccoon from a guy like Hunt in Indiana. The animal gets shipped to Joe, who then turns the animal into a confined, fenced area. Then Joe turns his dogs loose into the pen. The dogs then attack the wild animal and tear it to shreds.

I know some Indiana raccoon hunters have participated in this, and from what I have been told and seen,

the dog-training session is primarily blood-sport entertainment for the men involved.

Live-bait dog training is another gift from the south, akin to dog fighting, which also is illegal but popular in southern states. Dog fighting no doubt takes place in the north, too, but Michael Vick's recent arrest and conviction on dog-fighting charges have focused attention on Virginia and Georgia.

The arrest in Henry County came shortly after the Indiana Department of Natural Resources moved to tighten rules on keeping live coyotes. Under a proposed regulation, trapped coyotes would have to be euthanized within 24 hours of capture. The old rule said only that a coyote could be "taken" out of season by a landowner or authorized person. Live-bait traders have argued that "taken" means the animal can be kept alive and resold. The DNR says "taken" means killed.

As usual, the argument is over

money. According to most sources, a coyote pelt now sells for about \$12, while a live coyote goes to a live-bait business for \$200. Live-bait dog training is illegal in Indiana, and the DNR hopes to stop the trade in animals used for this purpose under the new regulation.

Unfortunately, the DNR's new regulation does not mention raccoons or rabbits, two other wild animals frequently used by the live-bait dog-training crowd.

According to The Associated Press, citizens identified only as "trappers" are lobbying the Indiana General Assembly to overturn the new DNR rules. They have found a friend in state Sen. Greg Walker (R-Columbus), who says the animals in question have a better life in captivity as they await being ripped to shreds than they do in the wild. He added that trainers prefer to keep their bait animals in "good condition."

(E-mail Don Jordan by clicking the e-mail link at <http://freelindy.com>.)

Petition summary and background	We support the proposed rule amendment (LSA#07-749) regarding the Coyotes.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now.

Printed Name	Signature	City, State	Comment	Date
Kim Beck	<i>Kim Beck</i>	Westfield, IN	Wild & dangerous	2-15-08
Sandra Ren	<i>Sandra Ren</i>	Westfield, IN	Quinn	2-15-08
GUSTAD WHITE	<i>Gustad White</i>	Yellowville, IN	Cruel	2-15-08
Jess Brock	<i>Jess Brock</i>	Wesleyville, IN	Horrible treatment!	2-15-08
BIRGIT AUSUP	<i>Birgit Ausup</i>	Steeden, IN	Cruel STOP!	2-15-08
Ginger H. Sigel	<i>Ginger H. Sigel</i>	Shenandoah, IN	Cruel	2-15-08
Cory R White	<i>Cory R White</i>	Westfield, Indpls	Cruel	02/15/08
Nicks Masee	<i>Nicks Masee</i>	Buck Hill, IN	Cruel	2/15/08
Doug Harris	<i>Doug Harris</i>	Cumel, IN	cruel	2/15/08
Tim Brock	<i>Tim Brock</i>	Shenandoah, IN		2-15-08
Melany River	<i>Melany River</i>	Cumel, IN	Cruel - Ruffe should go to Jail	2-15-08
Shirley Trever	<i>Shirley Trever</i>	Westfield, IN	How can anyone treat animals like this	2-15-08
Kim Gethings	<i>Kim Gethings</i>	Yellowville, IN	Inhumane	2/15/08
Cathy Moore	<i>Cathy Moore</i>	Yellowville, IN	Cruel	2-15-08
Scott D. Snel	<i>Scott D. Snel</i>	Yellowville, IN	Cruel	2-15-08

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Handus Cize	Karina Cize	Greco IN		2-16-08
Jessie Henson	Jessie Henson	Carmel IN		2-16-08
Chance Shepherd	Chance Shepherd			2-16-08
Ling Ding	Ling Ding	Westfield IN		2-16-08
Lisa White	Lisa White	Indpls, IN	There are humane ways to train hunting dogs	2/16/08
Julia Cotton	Julia Cotton	Greencastle, IN		2-23-08
Quay Cotton	Quay Cotton	Indpls IN 46203		2-23-08
Terra Cotton	Terra Cotton	Indpls, IN	This is a horrible way to teach, there are other ways	2/23/08
Randy Cotton	Randy Cotton	INDPLS, IN,		2-24-08
Barbara Cotton	Barbara Cotton	INDPLS. IN.		2-25-08
Finn Smith	Finn Smith	Zionsville, IN		2-25-08
Thomas D. Cotton	Thomas D. Cotton	Indpls, IN.		2-25-08
William D. Cotton	William D. Cotton	Indpls, IN.		2/26/08
Aqua Cotton	Aqua Cotton	Westfield, IN.	Very inhumane - this needs to stop now!!	2/26/08
Bill Cotton	Bill Cotton	Westfield IN.		2-26-08

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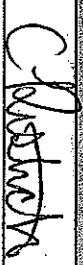

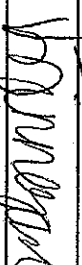




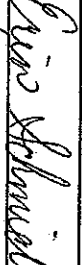


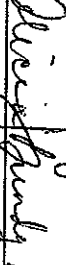
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DERNNE ACKER	Heanne Miller	PLAINFIELD, INDIANA	THIS IS INHUMAN & CRUEL AND "SICK"	2/26/08
DANNY ACKER	Danny Ackers	PLAINFIELD, INDIANA	THIS SHOULD NOT BE ADOPTED. IT IS NOT RIGHT! PASTY	3/26/08
Denise Robertson	Denise Robertson	PLAINFIELD, INDIANA	THIS IS RUDICULOUS	3/4/08
Janet Bolner	Janet Bolner	INDPLS, IN		3/5/08
Kelly Frakes	Kelly Frakes	Greenfield, IN		3/6/08
Angela Bestrum	Angela Bestrum	Avon, IN		3/6/08
Jon Dailey	Jon Dailey	Greenwood, IN		3/10/08
Barrett V Thornton	Barrett V Thornton	Indianapolis, IN		3/10/08
Patsy Schuch	Patsy M. Schuch	Greenwood, IN		3/11/08
Randy Scott	Randy Scott	Whiteland, IN		3/11/08
ibb David Maxwell	ibb Maxwell	Brownsburg, IN		3/12/08
Marlene Taskett	Marlene Taskett	Munster, IN		3/12/08
David Wheelock	David Wheelock	Avon, IN		3/12/08
Speedy L. Winters	Speedy L. Winters	Avon, IN		3/12/08
Ellen Ferguson	Ellen Ferguson	Avon, IN		3/12/08

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LISA GALLO	<i>Lisa Gallo</i>	Brownsburg IN		3/9/08
Eric Gallo	<i>Eric Gallo</i>	Brownsburg, IN		3/29/08
JANE KENNEDY	<i>Jane Kennedy</i>	Brownsville, TN	Build ^{out} the humane	4/2/08
<i>Jill Brady</i>	<i>Jill Brady</i>	Plainfield IN		4/24/08
DIANE HELDMAN	<i>Diane Helman</i>	Brownburg IN		
<p>I'm support of the rule amendment regarding coyotes - it's sad that a small number of civilied society can cause themselves using a live, terrified, exhausted & unwanted animal for humane recreation. This is nothing short of barbaric situation. Also, what about the coyote "pups" born in captivity and sold to the live market? The thought alone is infuriating - as well as INSANE!</p>				

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Christel Ristich		Westfield, IN	Cruel and uncalled for	3/21/08
THAD WARD		INDIANAPOLIS, IN		3/21/08
Wendy Ann		Mooresville, IN	Cruel + unnecessary	3/21/08
Eloise Little		Noblesville, IN	Cruel and uncalled for	3/21/08
Julie Webb		Noblesville, IN	unnecessary cruelty	3-31-08
Christine Bennett		Noblesville, IN	cruelty is horrible	3-31-08
Tyron Rickard		Indianapolis, IN		3/22/08
Erin Schmidt		Westfield, IN	cruel	3/22/08
Kyra Brattain		Fishers, IN	cruelty	3/22/08
Lisa Jones		Fortville, IN	Cruel & twisted	3/24/08
Alicia Bundy		Westfield, IN	inhumane & unnecessary	4/14/08

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Rehmann Dln	<i>Rehmann Dln</i>	Westfield IN	Use of animals for baiting is never appropriate about 4 in humane	3/24/08
S. Stapleton	<i>S. Stapleton</i>	"	"	"
MARY E. FOLT	<i>M. E. FOLT</i>	"	DOE YOU KIDDING ME 12/12/07	3/25/08
JL Byers	<i>JL Byers</i>	"	How frubiously awful	3/25/08
Yk Davin	<i>Yk Davin</i>	"	Totally Repulsive and a disgrace	3/25/08
PL Paschke	<i>PL Paschke</i>	"	REPUGNANT	3/25/08
Margaret Dolen	<i>Margaret Dolen</i>	Carmel, Indiana		3-26-08
Doris DOVEN	<i>Doris DOVEN</i>	Carmel INDIANA		3-26-08
Stephie Weber	<i>Stephie Weber</i>	Westfield, IN		3-26-08
Grace Underhill	<i>Grace Underhill</i>	Carmel, IN		3-27-08
Ruth Nesbitt	<i>Ruth Nesbitt</i>	Westfield, IN		3-27-08
Diane Sacks	<i>Diane Sacks</i>	Noblesville, IN		3/27/08
Sharon Anderson	<i>Sharon Anderson</i>	Carmel, IN		3/28/08
Patricia J. Carter	<i>Patricia J. Carter</i>	Carmel, IN		3/28/08
SHARRON ATKINS	<i>Sharon Atkins</i>	Carmel IN		03/29/08



Coyote Signaling by Hope Ryden

During the two and a half years that I observed coyotes in the wild, I never witnessed serious fighting. Disputes were ritualized, and blood was not shed. I was surprised. *Canis latrans*, I concluded, must have evolved strategies for inhibiting aggression toward its own kind, thus furthering this species' survival. (I cannot say the same about domestic dogs, whose tempers can flair up over the possession of a mere toy and result in serious biting. Of course, dogs long ago discovered an even more effective strategy for species survival by bonding with us.)

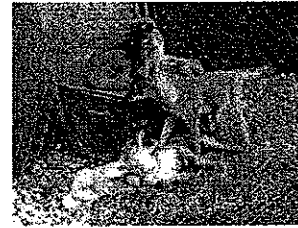
I first witnessed coyote ritualization during winter in Yellowstone Park where I often observed several coyotes dining peacefully together on winter-killed elk and bison. Although there was much gaping at one another and even some well directed hip lashes on the part of the feeders, no coyote was chased off. Newcomers to the find, however, were often discouraged from joining the party and these animals would sit some yards away waiting for the diners to eat their fill and depart --- at which time they would take their turn at the leavings.

On occasion, an onlooker, emboldened by hunger, would make a highly ritualized attempt to join the party. With back hunched and jaws agape (simultaneously signaling both submission and aggression) he or she would hobble toward the feeders. If met with similar posturing, he or she would retreat. If not, he or she would find a place at the table and no blood would be shed.

I witnessed such behavior played out many times during the winter seasons, but in spring, during whelping season, I found coyote pairs to be less tolerant of interlopers. To assure their offspring an adequate food supply, pairs defined boundaries around their denning territories, which then became off limits to interlopers. The female of the pair would run off all female intruders without help from her mate, and the male would run off all male intruders while the female remained with her pups. During the two breeding seasons that I observed coyotes on the National Elk Refuge, six territorial families were known to me and not once did I witness an acted out fight.



The clever coyote is not built for battle. Furthermore it needs to conserve energy for the purpose of hunting food --- a difficult business for such a lightweight predator. If a coyote is to survive, he or she must remain in top form and avoid debilitating accidents. Therefore, coyote fights are rare, and when they do erupt, they are ritualized affairs, consisting of signals meant to forestall serious injury. For example, when one fighter goes belly-up, and urinates, its opponent is pacified and the battle ends. Should this signal fail, however, a second signal is given, one that is certain to dampen aggressive behavior. The weaker animal announces defeat by exposing his or her throat to the stronger and hostilities cease.



The survival success of this species can, in part, be attributed to this ability to communicate through signaling. Unfortunately, dogs do not seem to read these signals. Nor does man.

Hope Ryden



Author-Naturalist Hope Ryden has spent years in the field, studying and photographing North American wildlife. Her behavioral findings have been published in National Geographic, Smithsonian, and Audubon magazine, and her books have been translated into German, Swedish, Finnish, Norwegian, Dutch, Spanish, Italian and Russian. To date she has twenty-three books to her credit, all of which are illustrated with her own photography.

Author of:

God's Dog

A Celebration of the North American Coyote Viking Press

The Wild Pups Coward McCann Geohegan

The Maligned Coyote Likes Family Life (National Geographic)

Jensen, Sandra

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Hello Sandra,

I hope this email finds you well.

I would like to submit the four attached documents, if I may, as part of the official record/comments on the proposed coyote rule package, LSA Document #7-749.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions on any of the attached materials or would prefer for me to submit this information in another manner or format.

Thanks very much and have a good weekend,

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Insider Describes Ugliness of Wildlife Penning

November 28, 2007

Mamie Henderson had been involved in the daily operation of a wildlife penning facility for nearly two years and recently spoke to Fox 5 in Atlanta to expose the cruelty of this practice.

Now she shares with The HSUS her first-hand account of what occurs regularly in these brutal pens.

Q. What happens to the animals chased by dogs in wildlife pens?

A. They are killed by the dog pack. The pack chases the terrified animals until the dogs catch them and rip them apart. The pens constantly need to be restocked with wildlife. There are sometimes 300-700 dogs at a time turned loose to kill these animals. Some hunts last for three days.

I even saw foxes and coyotes run near a campground and get killed in front of the campers and their small children.

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It cost \$40 to \$100 per dog to "cast" the dog—or to let the dog run in the pen—in addition to a \$10 to \$25 membership fee. Some hunters run as many as 25 hounds in the pen.

Wildlife pens can expose children to cruelty to foxes, other wildlife or the hunting dogs themselves.

Q. What happens to the dogs?

A. The dogs also are subjected to cruelty in the pens. Their feet are soaked in formaldehyde or other chemicals so they don't feel the pain of the continual chase. The hounds are given steroids the morning before they are cast. They are injected with vitamin B-12 before the hunt to make them faster.

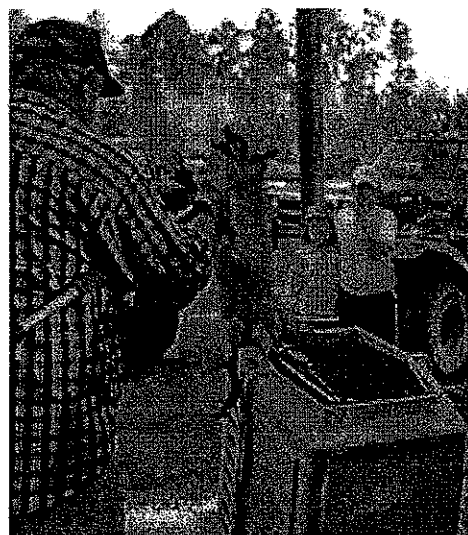
Q. What happens to the dogs who fail to perform well?

A. They are killed, or, if they have a good bloodline and are worth money, they are sold. They are sometimes killed if they cannot finish a race. One dog was beat in the head with a hammer, because apparently a dog is not even worth the cost of a bullet if he gets "scratched" during a hunt. Getting scratched means that the dog did something wrong or was not fast enough to kill the game.

Q. What happens to the animals not killed after a chase?

A. In between chases, the animals have access to dog food. The wild animals who have not been killed by the dog pack are so hungry that when they hear an auto or four-wheeler, they will come out of hiding, hoping to be fed. Sometimes they are so hungry that they will eat the animals just killed in the hunt. I was in charge of putting food out and was not supposed to put it out until the foxes and coyotes still alive had eaten all the dead ones.

Q. How long does it usually take for the dogs to capture and kill a coyote or fox?



A. As soon as the dogs are cast, a killing will take place. I had to count all the dead I found and multiply by two, and that was about how many fresh animals we had to replace in the pen. The 300-600 cast hounds could kill around 30-60 foxes.

The foxes are killed right away; you just hear a yelp when the dogs find them. But the coyotes fight back. To keep the chase going we "banded" the tails of the coyotes so that within a couple of weeks the tails drop off. This makes the chase longer because mud and ice don't get stuck on their tails and slow them down. There would be tails everywhere when I went out to check the fences. But eventually the coyotes can't fight anymore and are killed, too.

Q. How many foxes and coyotes are usually used?

A. We bought \$60,000 worth the first year. We bought from any and every state that would sell to us. We had to go pick the animals up at a truckstop, or there were dealers from different states that brought the animals to us.

For gray foxes we paid \$10-\$25. For red foxes we paid \$50-\$100, because they run longer, so they are worth more. Coyotes are bought for \$50-\$150 and bobcats for \$5-\$20.

Q. Where and how are the foxes and coyotes who are used in wildlife pen fighting obtained?

A. Bigger foxes exotic to Georgia are frequently trapped out of state and smuggled across the border to be stocked in pens. The animals are piled one on top of the other, and some of the foxes arrive at the pen smothered to death. Pen operators are not worried about that, because it is just a cost of doing business, and they can buy more foxes or coyotes.

Q. Is there betting involved?

A. Yes, there is someone that comes around with what is called the "calcutta," and the participants bet on whose dogs will get the highest scores before the hounds are cast. There are side bets, and as much as \$2,000 is bet on one hunt.

Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society resolution against transporting animals for fox/coyote pens:

RESOLUTION ON REGULATION OF INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF FOXES AND COYOTES FOR HOUND COURSING PENS

WHEREAS, there are potentially serious disease risks to native wildlife, domestic livestock, and human health associated with the importation of wild canids used for stocking in foxhound coursing pens, and

WHEREAS, *Echinococcus multilocularis*, a non-indigenous tapeworm which causes alveolar hydatid disease in man, occurs in wild red foxes and coyotes elsewhere in the United States and has been detected in foxes imported into the southeastern United States, and

WHEREAS, feasible methods are not available to certify that live animals are free of *Echinococcus* or certain other diseases including rabies, and

WHEREAS, importation of coyotes has contributed to the establishment of coyote populations in many locations where the species was not indigenous, and

WHEREAS, coyotes often negatively impact red fox populations and in certain situations are associated with agricultural depredation problems, and

WHEREAS, the local procurement of animals for stocking coursing pens would greatly reduce the risk of disease introduction and also would serve to minimize the rate of range expansion by coyotes, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society urges the adoption of state-by-state regulations prohibiting the importation or interstate movement of foxes or coyotes for the purpose of stocking coursing pens or for release and pursuit by hounds outside of coursing pens, and further resolves that the Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society urges individual states to fund research on the effects of fox and coyote hound coursing pens on the local environment including effects on other wildlife species.

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Indianapolis Star

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EDITORIAL

Coyotes for sale: Let's stop state's live-bait trade

Our position: *The state should ban trappers from selling coyotes to be used as live bait.*

Coyotes are something of a nuisance animal, one with a growing population. But nuisance or not, coyotes should be treated humanely. Which is why the General Assembly should close a loophole in Indiana law that may be leading to mistreatment of the animals. An official with the state Department of Natural Resources says the agency has seen evidence that trappers are capturing live coyotes and then selling them out of state for use as bait to train hunting dogs. Live-bait training is banned in Indiana but legal in states such as South Carolina and Virginia. Animal-rights activists claim the dogs are at times allowed to capture and kill bait animals, including coyotes and rabbits. Trappers dispute that assertion, saying that trapped animals are usually kept alive to collect their urine. Defenders of live-bait training say the captive animals are treated well. It's clear, however, that DNR never intended to allow for trapped animals to be shipped out of state. The agency has proposed a rule change that would require euthanizing within 24 hours coyotes captured outside the normal trapping season. A legislative study committee is scheduled to take up the issue next week. DNR also plans to schedule public hearings on the matter early next year. Selling wild animals to trainers may be lucrative for trappers, but it's a practice that easily can be abused. The state should end it once and for all.

South Bend Tribune

November 13, 2008

OUR OPINION *Sale of coyotes should be banned*

The state of Indiana should not allow coyotes to be trapped and then sold in other states to be used as live bait. That is what happens now. As far as we can tell, no one except for a very small special interest group thinks it's a good idea.

There was a time in northcentral Indiana when this might have seemed like someone else's concern. But the fact is that coyotes are becoming prevalent throughout Indiana. Furthermore, there are solid policy reasons for banning the sale of coyotes for live bait that ought to concern everyone.

Here is what happens: Trappers who catch coyotes during the off-season keep them alive and sell them to out-of-state hunting-dog trainers. The animals are released in enclosures so dogs can track them.

The trainers say the dogs are not allowed to catch, harm or kill the coyotes, but others doubt that claim. Opponents of the practice say that using coyotes is inhumane in any case since it undeniably consists of setting packs of dogs on disoriented, terrified, penned animals.

It is illegal in Indiana, and in most states, to use wild animals for training purposes. Because of an ambiguity in the law, it isn't clearly illegal to sell them outside of the state for hunting-dog training. A few states, such as South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, do allow live-bait training.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has moved to end the practice of catching and selling coyotes. This fall, the Natural Resources Commission approved a ban. Under the new rule, coyotes that are trapped off-season because they are nuisances have to be euthanized.

The special interest group advocating business as usual, one might guess, is the trappers. A coyote pelt

brings about \$12. Hunting-dog trainers pay about \$200 for a live coyote. The trappers have found friends in the Statehouse and are asking that the DNR rule be overturned by the legislature.

It is easy to understand why advocates for animal protection want to see a ban on the sale of wild animals for live bait. It is undeniably a cruel use. There are other arguments against the practice, too. Two come from the Ohio and Kentucky divisions of wildlife, both of which weighed in on Indiana's issue. Bordering states both have an interest in Indiana wildlife management.

Both states pointed out in letters to the Indiana DNR that coyotes are vectors of rabies, canine distemper, mange, parvovirus, brucellosis and echinococcus, which is why allowing them to be sold as commodities and transferred from state to state is in conflict with good wildlife management practices. The neighboring states urged Indiana to adopt the ban.

The cruelty argument or the sound-wildlife-practices argument would be good enough for us. For either reason -- or both -- the General Assembly should stay out of this issue. The Natural Resources Commission has it right.

Gary Post Tribune

December 1, 2007

Opinion: ***Indiana needs law banning coyote sales***

Earlier this month, the results from a two-year investigation by state and federal wildlife officials into the illegal sale of wild animals for hunting-dog training were released.

The study indicated that Indiana isn't doing all it can to halt the sale of coyotes to other states.

Although the state is taking steps to ban the export of coyotes to out-of-state hunting-dog trainers, it hasn't gone far enough.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources two months ago adopted a rule to prohibit the sale of coyotes to other states during coyote-trapping season. The new rule further orders that nuisance coyotes trapped during the off season must be euthanized.

Although those rules are improvements, the General Assembly should take the issue a step further when it convenes in January.

While wild animals cannot be used for training purposes in Indiana, it is allowed in some states. Hunting-dog trainers in other states say they do not allow the dogs to catch the coyotes. Yet, animal-rights activists claim dogs are sometimes allowed to capture and brutally kill the coyotes. A few states -- including South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia -- allow the live-bait training.

Even if the dogs aren't allowed to reach the coyotes during training, it is an inhumane practice to subject the coyotes to such terror and disorganization.

It also should be noted that coyotes are carriers of rabies, canine distemper, mange, parvovirus and brucellosis. Transferring animals with such conditions is not in keeping with good wildlife practices.

It seemingly is too easy to skirt the new rules adopted by the Indiana DNR. It's the Legislature's job to put teeth in the law and impose a year-round ban on the sale of coyotes to other states.

Bloomington Herald-Times

January 30, 2008

Our opinion: *State should block sales to predator farms*

Reporter Dawn Hewitt's Sunday story about coyote trapping in Indiana included the alarming news that Indiana is a major supplier of live coyotes to predator enclosures in other states. In these enclosures, coyotes are hunted and mauled to death by hunting dogs.

At issue are proposed amendments to the Indiana Administrative Code that would limit the sale of live coyotes from March 15 to Oct. 15, the seven months when hunting coyotes is not permitted in Indiana. Another change would require the killing of any live animal trapped outside of hunting season. The amendments would remove the economic incentive to trappers during the nonhunting season.

Trappers argue that allowing resale of nuisance coyotes makes it easier on landowners to manage nuisance coyotes, because trappers are able to provide this "service" at no charge. Coyotes can be a real threat to a working farm. But the possibility that farmers might have to pay for coyote removal in the future, just like any other service, is hardly justification for the inhumane treatment these animals face at predator farms.

Trapping for pelts during hunting season, an activity which some might argue is also barbaric, is nonetheless still a legal economic pursuit in Indiana. But trapping during the nonhunting season, when pelts are not marketable, has but one purpose: reselling live coyotes to predator farms, which are completely unregulated.

To eliminate Indiana's role in supplying these predator farms with live animals, the proposed regulations are a good start. But the restrictions don't go far enough. Indiana should prohibit resale of live coyotes throughout the year, not just during the nonhunting season. And if nuisance animals can't be managed in other ways, they should be killed as quickly and humanely as possible. Alternatively, if coyote capture and maintenance is allowed — such as for collection of urine used as deer repellent — then Indiana should at least adopt regulations governing the conditions in which these animals are kept.

The efforts of the newly established coyote sanctuary and wildlife rehabilitation center near Spencer are to be commended. Perhaps the sanctuary will provide some small amount of restoration for damage humans have inflicted on our fellow Indiana natives.

Fort Wayne News Sentinel

February 19, 2008

EDITORIAL

We can be less cruel, even toward a pest of nature

We stand alone in having the capacity to always become more moral.

The state is cracking down on the sale of live coyotes with the intent of reducing cruelty toward the animals. Especially targeted are operations that ship the coyotes to Southern states for use as live bait at dog-running enclosures.

Some might wonder what all the fuss is about. Coyotes are predators and pests, after all, that kill livestock and pets. It is legal to hunt and trap them, and there is a brisk trade in their fur. What's the big deal if a few get chased around a pen by dogs?

But these operations are especially gruesome. The coyotes are chased by dog packs, Mamie Henderson, who worked at one of the dog facilities for two years, said in an interview with the Humane Society of the United States. "The pack chases the terrified animal until the dogs catch them and rip them apart." There is also betting involved, she says.

There is also the matter of disease. Exporting the animals to states where they are not native can introduce other wildlife, livestock and humans to new diseases. In 1994, coyotes from Texas were linked to a strain of rabies that required treatment for 24 people in Florida.

It is a sign of civilization's advance when casual cruelty that was once accepted as sport begins to be viewed with distaste, even scorn. We no longer need to set dogs upon each other to amuse ourselves. Yes, we eat meat, but we don't have to make the last days of the animals one of abject misery. We still hunt, but increasingly flinch when the hunting is for mere fun and not for food.

"The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his *intellectual* superiority to other creatures," Mark Twain wrote. "But the fact that he can *do* wrong proves his *moral* inferiority to any creature that *cannot*."

In the end, it's more about us than the animals. They do not know right and wrong. They live only by the laws of nature in a never-ending quest to find food and avoid being food. We are a part of that nature, too, but our minds set us apart from its other inhabitants. We have the capacity to become ever more moral, and we should never pass up the chance to do so.

Bloomington Herald Times

OUR OPINION

May 2, 2008

Change the rules on coyote sales

Ohio and Kentucky wildlife officials have asked Indiana DNR to ban sale of interstate wildlife, such as trapped live coyotes, to restrict spread of disease.

Who purchases live coyotes? Dog runners who let their dogs chase and kill coyotes — in training to hunt or fight.

"Nuisance" coyotes take livestock, so new state regulations on the sale of wildlife wouldn't limit farmers or wildlife controllers from killing "nuisance" coyotes. But it does prevent them from moving these coyotes somewhere else. The change means "nuisance" coyotes will be killed quickly, not destined to live and die in confinement.

Some claim captive coyotes are kept in humane conditions, and that coyotes released into dog-running enclosures have hiding places and can live for years before being killed. If so, why is there a constant demand for live coyotes?

These rules do not affect coyote hunting or trapping season, only the disposal of "nuisance" coyotes when their warm-weather pelts have no value.

Coyotes are no threat to dogs and cats that are well treated: brought indoors at night, not chained outdoors or allowed to roam.

The state should change the rule and the public has until Monday to post comments on the change. See <http://dnr.in.gov/fishwild/about/rules.htm> and then click on "coyote rule package."

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Wildlife sales for live-bait dog training under fire



You would have had to be watching the news like a hawk earlier this month to discover Indiana and America's latest wildlife scandal, but if you did hear about the arrest of a Henry County man for selling live-bait dog training, you were probably as diligent as I was.

Indiana conservation officers arrested Earl Hunt, Kennard, on multiple charges after officers found evidence that Hunt was heavily involved in illegal shipping and sale of wildlife. Hunt also was illegally

holding scores of wild animals. The Indiana arrests came as part of a two-year five-state investigation of illegal wildlife trade. Besides Indiana, officers from Georgia, South Carolina, West Virginia and Virginia took part in the case, which is ongoing.

Hunt's arrest is just the tip of the iceberg in the live-bait dog-training business. Trapped "nuisance" animals like coyotes and raccoons are being sold to professional dog-training businesses, primarily in the south, as live bait.

This is how it works. Joe in Alabama buys a coyote or a raccoon from a guy like Hunt in Indiana. The animal gets shipped to Joe, who then turns the animal into a confined, fenced area. Then Joe turns his dogs loose into the pen. The dogs then attack the wild animal and tear it to shreds.

I know some Indiana raccoon hunters have participated in this, and from what I have been told and seen,

the dog-training session is primarily blood-sport entertainment for the man involved.

Live-bait dog training is another gift from the south, alien to dog fighting, which also is illegal but popular in southern states. Dog fighting no doubt takes place in the north, too, but Michael Vick's recent arrest and conviction on dog-fighting charges have focused attention on Virginia and Georgia.

The arrest in Henry County came shortly after the Indiana Department of Natural Resources moved to tighten rules on keeping live coyotes. Under a proposed regulation, trapped coyotes would have to be euthanized within 24 hours of capture. The old rule said only that a coyote could be "taken" out of season by a landowner or authorized person. Live-bait traders have argued that "taken" means the animal can be kept alive and resold. The DNR says "taken" means killed.

As usual, the argument is over

money. According to most sources, a coyote pelt now sells for about \$12, while a live coyote goes to a live-bait business for \$200. Live-bait dog training is illegal in Indiana, and the DNR hopes to stop the trade in animals used for this purpose under the new regulation.

Unfortunately, the DNR's new regulation does not mention raccoons or rabbits, two other wild animals frequently used by the live-bait dog-training crowd.

According to The Associated Press, citizens identified only as "trappers" are lobbying the Indiana General Assembly to overturn the new DNR rules. They have found a friend in state Sen. Greg Walker (R-Columbus), who says the animals in question have a better life in captivity as they await being ripped to shreds than they do in the wild. He added that trainers prefer to keep their bait animals in "good condition."

(E-mail Don Jordan by clicking the e-mail link at <http://readindy.com>.)



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Dear Friend of Wildlife:

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is currently making rule clarifications that are vital to the well being and humane treatment of our precious wildlife.

Indiana trappers are currently lobbying individual legislators to legalize the selling of wild animals as *bait for dog training*. They argue that more money can be made from selling a live coyote as bait, than can be made selling the animal's pelt. Other animals are also sold as live bait.

The citizens of this state are opposed to such black market practices and do not want this legalized. The IDNR rules clarification would make certain that these despicable activities could not happen in our state. The use of live animals as bait is horrific. It is unthinkable that a handful of our legislators are negotiating with the trappers of this state to force the IDNR to legalize this practice. It is irresponsible of them to ask that the IDNR to "look the other way" for the sake of garnering votes from trappers. Animal cruelty has gained prominent nationwide recognition via the horrors of the recent dog fighting news. We do not need this type of attention brought to our own state.

Please contact this organization of concerned citizens to stop this practice in Indiana. By all means, it should never be legalized by the Natural Resources Commission. And - there should be no career repercussions on those IDNR employees speaking up on behalf of the suffering of these animals trapped, shipped and released as live bait with no possible means of escape.

This is NOT recreation for trappers. This is not sport. This is unethical and demented behavior. Calling it outdoor recreation for dog runners is disgusting and unworthy of our legislators. **The 99% of Hoosiers who do not trap for entertainment** oppose legalizing this practice.

Enclosed you will find information on the legislative process currently under consideration. Please contact our organization for additional information on how this covert, ugly business of marketing live bait to out of state vendors can be stopped.

The NRC is taking public comment on the issue:

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Hoosier Trappers Lobby Legislators to Sell Live Animals as Dog Training Bait

Kokomo, Indiana - October, 15 2007 - Trappers appealed to legislators for the right to sell live coyotes as training bait at the Natural Resources Summer Study Committee held October 3, 2007 in Brown County, Indiana. Rep. Bischoff requested that the issue be brought before the NRC Study Committee. At the meeting, trappers indicated that other legislators were also being lobbied on behalf of selling rights to captured animals purchased by out of state hunt and training facilities.

Trappers fear an end to the covert "live" market for bait animals. Trappers indicated that selling live animals is a more opportune money maker for them since dead animals bring in only minimum pelt prices. For example, a dead coyote's pelt sells for approximately \$11.60, whereas a live (bait quality - still able to run) coyote goes for \$125.00 and up. This is the basis of the appeal trappers are making to selected Hoosier legislators. Other animals are also prized as live bait and are sold for dog training purposes - rabbits, foxes, ducks, cage raised pheasants, and pigeons. Indiana currently has 4,000 licensed trappers. This number reflects trappers listed both in and out of state. It is not known how many of these trappers traffic in live animals sales to out of state operators.

Legislators wishing to appeal to the trapping community need to be aware that exposing Indiana to the increased threat of disease outbreak among wildlife by allowing live trapping and out of state "bait animal" transportation comes at a price to the general hunting and non-hunting population. Wildlife vaccines have been proven unreliable, and in some cases fatal. Wildlife may not legally be vaccinated in Indiana. The chasing, mauling, and killing of raccoons, rabbits, foxes, coyotes and cage raised birds in "hound running" is abhorrent to the general public. Many are not aware that domestic rabbits, ducks, coyotes, and foxes are used as bait in dog training exercises and that this type of dog "running" is considered legitimate recreational sport by dog running clubs. To maximize training opportunities, these actions occur in penned or fenced situations, where the bait has no hope of escape. In many cases these animals

have been trapped, cramped in cages, transported, and abused prior to being released for "the run." Hoosier legislators trading votes in return for support of these trapping practices, may want to rethink their campaign strategies as the general public becomes aware of this unsavory trapper's market.

Persons interested in finding out more about live bait and dog training, or wishing to support the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in securing a rule which would ensure that coyotes trapped outside of the hunting/trapping season must be killed and may not be sold, traded, bartered or gifted alive under any license, should contact the organization below. Public hearings in front of the Indiana Natural Resources Commission are scheduled for this matter. There will also be an opportunity for public comment via email submission.

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EDITORIAL

Coyotes for sale: Let's stop state's live-bait trade

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Where's the outrage over wildlife used as live 'bait'?



RACHAEL JONES

from these basic tenets is illustrated by the surge of human activities that promote increasingly violent animal bloodsports for profit and entertainment.

A notable example is dog-fighting, considered a felony crime in Indiana and most of the U.S.

Recently, bootlegged video footage has been publicly broadcast, depicting murky images of bloodied, tormented dogs mauling one another in clandestine pits, and of horrific training exercises in which frenzied pit bulls savage weaker, nonaggressive "bait" animals which are, often, stolen pets.

Public outrage against Michael Vick, the fallen National Football League star who entangled his career in criminal dogfighting, was vehement and swift. Rightly so.

His heinous secret was outed, and it serves as a symbol of national shame. Our shameful, dirty "secret" in Indiana includes felony dog-fighting and more — the wai-



AP PHOTO

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"penning" operations, popular in southern states, has grown beneath the radar of state regulatory agencies, such as the Board of Animal Health and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Many of these out-of-state facilities also use other types of live animals for training or recreational "hunting" — including raccoons, bobcats, hogs, rabbits and pen-raised fowl such as pheasants, ducks and so-called "trash" species, such as pigeons.

Coyote trappers have been emboldened by lucrative profits and are "taking" coyotes out of legal trapping season, then selling them for penned hunts or as training bait to so-called sportsmen who are willing to pay handsomely for their chosen pastimes. However,

there is no sportsmanship involved in setting packs of hounds upon disoriented, terrified and exhausted "bait" animals that are penned, not by revealing in the ensuing carnage once the doomed animals are dragged down by the dogs.

This brand of ritualized torture is as reprehensible as setting man's best friend against one another for entertainment or profit, and warrant abuse makes no distinction between species.

Wildlife traffickers are lobbying members of the Natural Resources Committee in our state Legislature to legalize their black-market trade, intending to bypass DNR objections against the "taking" of wildlife for sale as bait animals.

Aside from the repulsive cruelty of this bloodsport, there are significant public health and safety concerns when wildlife is marketed as bait animals or for penned "hunts."

Serious rabies outbreaks in the eastern states were traced originally from some raccoons and coyotes that had been transported interstate to penning operations, and there are many other contagious diseases that can be spread by wildlife sold as live bait.

Citizens can help the DNR end the sale of Indiana coyotes

for live bait by e-mailing their sentiments to jkarns@dnr.in.gov.

Public input is being sought from Hoosiers and nonresidents alike to apply a specific administrative rule to end wildlife trafficking. The rule would not affect the ability of legal land owners to destroy or remove nuisance wildlife.

Indiana residents should also contact their legislators, as well as members of the Natural Resources Committee, to oppose legalizing a form of animal cruelty that parallels felony dogfighting.

To find your legislators' contact information and to locate the Natural Resources Committee members on the 2007 Interim Study Roster, go to www.in.gov/legislative for the Web site of the General Assembly. Concerned citizens are encouraged to contact Supplivebaitdogfighting@yahoo.com for more details and an information packet regarding this important issue.

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October 18, 2007

DNR wants to save coyotes from being sold as live bait

By Meagan Ingerson
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October 18, 2007

Trappers catching coyotes during the off season may no longer be able to keep the animals alive and sell them to out-of-state hunting-dog trainers.

Trainers use them as live bait for hunting practice, the Department of Natural Resources said. Animal-rights activists claim using a live, wild animal for bait is cruel, while trappers say the captive coyotes are well-treated.

Because of an ambiguous state rule, trappers who catch a live coyote out of season "think they can do anything with it," said Phil Bloom, spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources.

In "live bait" training, dogs track a wild animal that has been released in an enclosure. While some say trainers keep the wild animal from being caught, activists say the dogs often catch and kill the "bait," which includes raccoons, rabbits and coyotes.

Under a rule change preliminarily approved last month by the Natural Resources Commission, coyotes caught outside the normal trapping season must be euthanized within 24 hours.

The change was prompted by confusion over the existing rule, which states that during the trapping off season, a coyote could be "taken" from private land by the landowner or an authorized trapper.

Trappers argued that "taken" meant an animal could be kept alive and resold. The Department of Natural Resources said it meant an animal should be destroyed, Bloom said.

A live coyote can fetch as much as \$200, he said, while coyote pelts sell for about \$12.

The rules have been a problem since 1987, when a law was passed that allowed landowners to trap "nuisance" coyotes out of season, said Col. Mike Crider, director of law enforcement for the Department of Natural Resources. The coyote trapping season runs from Oct. 15 through Jan. 31.

Several years ago, the department altered the rule, stating that captured coyotes should be "promptly disposed of," Crider said, but the rule was still too ambiguous to enforce.

Veterinarian Rachael Jones, Valparaiso, said the practice of using "live bait" is inhumane. Jones is part of the Stop Live Dog Baiting group, which supports the rule change.

"There is no sportsmanship involved in setting packs of hounds upon disoriented, terrified and exhausted 'bait' animals that are penned," she wrote in a letter that is being circulated statewide.

Trappers, however, support any responsible use of captured animals, said George Hertz, treasurer for the Indiana State Trappers Association.

He said trappers sell the animals for collecting urine, not for use as dog-training bait. The

urine is used to mask human scent when setting traps or is sold to trainers to help dogs learn tracking techniques.

But the DNR has seen evidence of trappers selling coyotes to groups that use them as bait, Bloom said.

It is illegal to use wild animals for such purposes in Indiana, but the coyotes are sold to states, including South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, where the operations are legal, Crider said.

Calls to several hunting dog operations were not returned Wednesday.

Wild animals caught in Indiana may be exported to other states, but most states outlaw importing wild animals, he said.

It is legal to sell coyotes during the normal trapping season, but several permits are required, Crider said. Trappers also often keep coyotes alive during the season to use their urine or to wait for their coats to fill out, making their pelts more valuable.

A total of 3,981 coyote pelts were sold in the 2005-06 hunting season, according to figures from the Department of Natural Resources.

At an Oct. 3 meeting, trappers lobbied the Natural Resources Study Committee against the proposed rule change. The committee, composed of state senators and representatives, could propose legislation that would overrule the DNR.

State Sen. Greg Walker, who is on the committee, said he did not see a problem with selling the animals to dog-training facilities because the care is often better than their lives in the wild.

"For the kennels which do the training of hunting dogs, they prefer to keep the animals in good condition," said Walker, R-Columbus.

Generally, trainers do not allow the bait animals to be caught, Crider said.

"It's really nothing that runs counter to what these animals experience in the wild anyway," Walker said. "It's part of their natural makeup, it's part of their DNA, and so if it's cruel, I guess sometimes you'd say nature is cruel."

No Charges For Trapper Arrested In Coyote Shovel Beatings

Animal Officers Say Killings Cruel, But State OKs Method

POSTED: 11:54 pm EST November 14, 2006

INDIANAPOLIS -- An Indianapolis animal trapper who was arrested for the manner in which he killed two coyotes won't face criminal charges because the method is approved by the state, 6News' Jack Rinehart reported Tuesday.

Marion County's prosecutor decided that the trapper didn't break any laws in the killings, in which the trapper struck the coyotes in the head with a shovel and then suffocated them by standing on them.

Animal care and control officers began investigating the trapper before the coyotes were killed last week. Acting on an anonymous complaint about the welfare of the animals, the officers went to the trapper's south-side Indianapolis home, where the coyotes were caged. The man had trapped the animals in a rural area before taking them to his home.

The officers told the man that the animals needed to be in a bigger cage. When they returned the next day, they found they coyotes had been killed and skinned.

"We asked him how he killed them. He said he beat them with a shovel, and then when that didn't kill them, he stood on top of them and their lungs until they couldn't breathe anymore," Indianapolis animal control Lt. Jerry Bippus said.

The officers arrested the man, alleging that the killings were cruel.

"I don't care if it's a dog, cat or wildlife animal -- the way he did this to (the two coyotes) was very inhumane," Bippus said.

But the state Department of Natural Resources says a blow to the head, otherwise known as stunning, is one way that permittees can kill a captive wild nuisance animal.

According to DNR rules governing killing methods for such animals, proper stunning is "a single sharp blow to the head ... delivered to the central skull bone with sufficient force to immediately depress the central nervous system and destroy brain tissue."

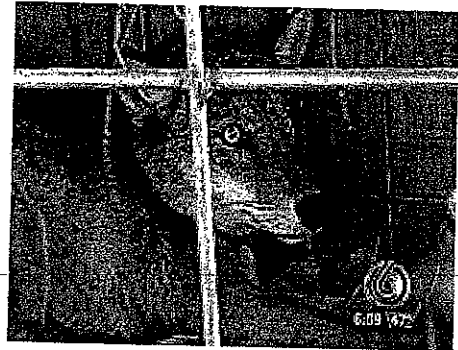
"The blow to the head must be followed immediately by a method that ensures death," the rules state. "Personnel using this method must be properly trained."

Other approved methods include electrocutions for unconscious animals, the administration of carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide, and gunshots.

"There's no good way to kill an animal, but if we want leather and if we want fur -- if we want to have leather belts and our shoes -- well, unfortunately, the animals have to be killed in some type of humane way," said Sgt. Dean Shadley of the DNR.

The trapper does face two citations for allegedly violating city ordinances by failing to post signs warning the public about dangerous animals on his property.

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Animal control officers say a south-side Indianapolis man hit two coyotes in the head with a shovel and suffocated them by stepping on them. The man was arrested, but a prosecutor said he had broken no laws.

Police Reports of the Trapper Abuse Case

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE CASE REPORT: 06-0117183 - 0000

INCIDENT: 612 ANIMAL INVESTIGATION LOCATION: 3945 AURORA ST GEO ZONE: 440033 AREA:
SD BEAT: C32 OCCURRED: 11/09/2006 09:16 TO 11/09/2006 11:20 ARRESTS: 0 INJURED: 0 DEAD: 0
VEHICLE TOWED: 0

PERSON: 1

PERSON INVOLVEMENT: OTH ALL OTHERS

PERSON NAME: COMBS, ROBERT J

RACE: SEX:

DATE OF BIRTH: AGE:

ADDRESS: 3945 AURORA ST

CITY, STATE, ZIP: INDIANAPOLIS IN 46227

NARRATIVE:

ON 11-9-06 AT 0916 HOURS, I ARRIVED ON ACTIVITY #06003528, A COMPLAINT OF TWO COYOTES AND A DEAD FOX IN A CAGE AT 3945 AURORA.

UPON ARRIVAL, I OBSERVED THE PICKUP TRUCK PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY WITH SEVERAL STICKERS SUCH AS "GONE TRAPPING," "TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION," (INAUDIBLE), ETC. INSIDE THE BED OF THE TRUCK. THERE WAS A WIRE CRATE WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE BLOOD SMEARED OVER THE BOTTOM. THERE WAS ALSO A SMALL LIVE TRAP IN THE TRUCK. I THEN WENT INTO THE OPEN YARD WHERE I OBSERVED AN ABOVE GROUND KENNEL DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. EACH SECTION WAS 2' TALL, 41" DEEP, AND 3' WIDE. THE DIVIDER WAS PLYWOOD AND THERE WAS WOOD COVERING A PORTION OF THE TOP, THE OTHER THREE SIDES, BOTTOM, AND A PORTION OF THE TOP WERE WIRE.

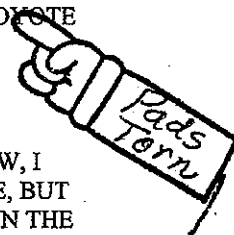
ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE KENNEL, THERE WERE TWO ADULT COYOTES WHICH WERE NOT ABLE TO STAND DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE ENCLOSURE. THERE WAS A WATER BUCKET IN WITH THE ANIMALS, SOME FECES AND A RAP WHICH HAD BEEN SHREDDED. THE COYOTES DID NOT MOVE THE ENTIRE TIME I WAS AT THE ADDRESS, BUT THE ONE LAYING IN THE FRONT HAD AN INJURED FRONT PAW. THE PADS OF THE ANIMALS' FEET WERE TORN.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DIVIDER, THERE WAS WHAT APPEARED TO BE PART OF A DEAD ANIMAL WHICH HAD BEEN SKINNED. LAYING ON THE GROUND NEXT TO THE KENNEL WAS A BLACK TRASH BAG WHICH SMELLED AS IF SOMETHING WAS DEAD INSIDE. BY THE OUTLINE OF THE BODY AND THE FEEL OF THE BAG, IT WAS APPARENT THERE WAS A DEAD ANIMAL INSIDE. 8806 OPENED THE BAG AND WE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DEAD COYOTE WHICH HAD BEEN SKINNED AND HAD ITS HEAD REMOVED.

THERE WAS ALSO A LIVE TRAP ON THE GROUND AND AN AX ALONG WITH DEBRIS THROUGHOUT THE YARD.

THERE WAS A DETACHED GARAGE NEXT TO THE KENNEL AND THROUGH THE WINDOW, I OBSERVED TWO ANIMAL PELTS HANGING, I WAS UNABLE TO GET A HOLD OF ANYONE, BUT THE TRUCK IN THE DRIVEWAY WENT BACK TO PERSON #1. R COMBS, II, WHEN 8806 RAN THE PLATE.

THE INSIDE OF THE HOUSE WAS VERY MESSY-WITH CLOTHES AND DEBRIS EVERYWHERE. I OBSERVED THE CHOCOLATE LAB THROUGH THE WINDOW WHICH WAS NOT WEARING ANY TAGS AND ALSO AN ORANGE AND BROWN TIGER DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR WHICH WAS NOT



WEARING TAGS. BOTH ANIMALS INSIDE APPEARED HEALTHY. 8806 CONTACTED DNR WHICH STATED IT IS NOT ILLEGAL FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP COYOTES WHEN THEY'RE IN SEASON AS LONG AS IT IS DONE HUMANELY.

A NOTICE WAS LEFT, PICTURES WERE TAKEN AND 24 HOUR RECHECK WAS SET UP FOR THE DEAD ANIMALS TO BE REMOVED. ALL CARE AND TREATMENT VIOLATIONS TO BE CORRECTED WITH THE COYOTES AND VACCINATIONS AND TAGS ON THE ANIMALS INSIDE.

IF CONTACT IS MADE, WE NEED TO ISSUE 531-301, -302, 202 TIMES

TWO, 402 TIMES TWO, AND 107 TIMES 1.

OFFICER: S0859 SWEENEY, KATIE ANIM

OPERATOR: 11/14/2006 00:31 20935 ROBERTS, CAPTOLA IMPD

*Legal!
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Indiana*

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE CASE REPORT: 06-0117183 - 0001

INCIDENT: 612 ANIMAL INVESTIGATION LOCATION: 3945 AURORA ST GEO ZONE: 440033 AREA:

BEAT: OCCURRED: 11/09/2006 09:16 TO 11/10/2006 22:58 ARRESTS: 0 INJURED: 0 DEAD: 0 VEHICLE TOWED: 0

PERSON: 1

PERSON INVOLVEMENT: OTH ALL OTHERS

PERSON NAME: COMBS, ROBERT J

RACE: W WHITE SEX: M MALE

DATE OF BIRTH: 07/10/1974 AGE: 32

ID NUMBER: 2410-10-7898

ADDRESS: 3945 AURORA ST

CITY, STATE, ZIP: INDIANAPOLIS IN 46227

HOME PHONE: (317)783-2357

NARRATIVE:

ON 11-09-06, AT APPROX. 1530 HOURS, PERSON #1, R COMBS, II, CALLED ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL REGARDING A DOOR NOTICE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT ON HIS DOOR. MR COMBS ASKED ME WHAT THE VIOLATIONS WERE. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT IF THE COYOTES WERE GOING TO BE KEPT ON HIS PROPERTY, THEY NEEDED TO BE KEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CARE AND TREATMENT GUIDELINES, MEANING THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE KEPT IN A WAY THAT THEY COULD MOVE FREELY, HAD ACCESS TO SHELTER, AND HAD RECEIVED NECESSARY MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THE COYOTE WITH THE INJURED PAW.

MR COMBS WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT THE DEAD ANIMALS NEEDED TO BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.

MR COMBS ARGUED THAT THE COYOTES COULD MOVE FREELY INSIDE OF THE CAGE AND HE WAS ADVISED THE CAGE WAS NOT BIG ENOUGH. MR COMBS REPLIED THAT "I WILL JUST KILL THEM THEN." I TOLD HIM "OKAY." AND WE HUNG UP.

ON 11-10-06, AT 1005 HOURS, I RETURNED TO 3945 AURORA ON ACTIVITY #06003528. UPON ARRIVAL, I FOUND NOBODY HOME, THE COYOTES WERE NO LONGER IN THE CAGE, HOWEVER, THE CAGE WHICH HAD CONTAINED THE COYOTES NOW CONTAINED ANIMAL LEGS AND THE OTHER CAGE STILL CONTAINED DEAD ANIMAL PIECES.

THE DEAD ANIMAL IN THE BAGS HAD BEEN REMOVED. THE TWO ANIMALS INSIDE WERE STILL NOT WEARING ANY TAGS AND A RUN WAS SET UP FOR MIDDLE SHIFT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OWNER AND ISSUE ALL UTTS FROM 11-9-06, AS WELL AS 531-107 TIMES TWO FOR TODAY'S DATE.

ON 11-10-06, AT 1957 HOURS, OFFICER DYEN AND I RETURNED TO 3945 AURORA ON ACTIVITY #06003528 TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE RESIDENT, PERSON #1, R COMBS, II. UPON ARRIVAL, WE MADE CONTACT WITH

Dead

PERSON #1. R COMBS, II, WHO CAME OUTSIDE. MR COMBS WAS ADVISED THAT WE WERE THERE TO RECHECK ON THE VIOLATIONS FROM 11-9-06. I ASKED MR COMBS IF THE COYOTES WERE STILL IN THE YARD AND HE SAID, NO. I ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AND HE TOLD OFFICER DYEN AND I "I KILLED THEM." I ASKED HIM HOW AND HE SAID "BLUNT FORCE." HE THEN ASKED IF THIS WAS A PROBLEM. I ASKED MR COMBS EXACTLY HOW HE DID THAT, AND HE SAID HE "HIT THEM IN THE HEAD WITH A SHOVEL AND THEN STOOD ON THEIR LUNGS." AT THAT POINT, I CONTACTED 8802 AND ADVISED HIM OF WHAT I HAD BEEN TOLD. I ALSO CALLED FOR A DISTRICT CAR BECAUSE I BELIEVED THIS WAS CRUELTY.

I ASKED MR COMBS TO SHOW ME THE SHOVEL HE USED. HE THEN TOOK OFFICER DYEN AND I TO HIS OPEN BACK YARD. HE WENT INTO HIS ENCLOSED GARAGE AND CAME OUT WITH A SHOVEL ABOUT ONE FOOT LONG WITH A METAL END. I ASKED MR COMBS WHERE HE DID THIS AT, AND HE POINTED TO THE GROUND BESIDE THE CAGE WHERE THE ANIMALS HAD BEEN KEPT WHICH WAS IN HIS OPEN BACK YARD IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA TWO HOUSES DOWN FROM AN OFFICE BUILDING AND TWO HOUSES DOWN AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM A PUBLIC PARK WHICH WAS IN PLAIN VIEW.

I THEN ASKED MR COMBS HOW HE DISPOSED OF THEIR BODIES, AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE PUT THEM IN THE DUMPSTER WHERE HE WORKS WHICH WE LATER FOUND OUT TO BE AT 6508 ELMWOOD AV. I THEN ASKED MR COMBS WHERE THE ANIMAL THAT WAS IN THE TRASH BAG ON 11-9-06 WAS AND HE SAID IT WAS ALSO IN THE DUMPSTER AT HIS WORK.

I ASKED MR COMBS WHY THE ANIMAL IN THE TRASH BAG ON THAT DAY APPEARED TO HAVE ITS HEAD REMOVED AND HE SAID THAT IT HAD NOT, BUT THAT THERE WAS A DEAD FOX IN THE BAG WITH THE COYOTE AND THAT MAY HAVE BEEN WHAT I SAW.

I ASKED MR COMBS WHY THERE WERE ANIMAL LEGS IN THE CAGE WHERE THE COYOTES WERE AND HE SAID THAT THEY WERE LEFT THERE FROM THE FOX THAT HE SAID THE COYOTES, AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN THE COYOTES' CAGE BEFORE THEY WERE KILLED. HE SAID THE ANIMAL IN THE OTHER CAGE HAD BEEN A FOX.

I ASKED MR COMBS WHY HE KEPT THE LIVE COYOTES AND HE TOLD ME BECAUSE THERE'S ALIVE MARKET FROM THEM AND THEY SELL FOR ABOUT \$30. DEAD THEY ONLY SELL FOR ABOUT \$10 TO \$15, BUT SINCE HE WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THE INJURED ANIMAL MEDICAL ATTENTION. HE DECIDED TO KILL THEM AND SKIN THEM. MR COMBS LATER OPENED THE DOOR TO THE GARAGE AND LET OFFICER DYEN AND I TO REMOVE THE TWO COYOTE SKINS WHICH HAD BEEN HANGING TO DRY.

MR COMBS WAS ISSUED CITATIONS FOR 11-9-06, CARE AND TREATMENT TIMES TWO, FOR THE CONDITION OF THE COYOTES IN THE CAGE; IMPROPER DISPOSAL TIMES THREE FOR THE DEAD FOX PARTS IN ONE CAGE AND THE FOX AND COYOTE WHICH WERE IN THE TRASH BAG. RABIES VACCINATIONS TIMES TWO FOR THE DOG AND CAT INSIDE WHICH MR COMBS COULD NOT FIND PROOF OF VACCINATIONS FOR; RABIES TAG AND PERMANENT ID TIMES TWO FOR THE CAT AND DOG WHICH WERE NOT

WEARING TAGS. MR COMBS STATED THAT THE DOG HAD A MICROCHIP BUT COULD NOT PROVIDE PROOF; AND ALSO, 531-506 FOR WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED FOR WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS BECAUSE THERE WERE NO SIGNS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE COYOTES IN THE YARD. MR COMBS WAS ALSO CITED FOR VIOLATIONS ON 11-10-06: IMPROPER DISPOSAL AND OFFENSIVE USE OF AN ANIMAL TIMES FOUR, AT THE ADDRESS OF 6508 ELMWOOD FOR DUMPING THE FOX AND COYOTE FROM THE TRASH BAG AND ALSO THE TWO COYOTES WHICH HAD BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH IN THE DUMPSTER AT THIS ADDRESS; IMPROPER DISPOSAL TIMES TWO FOR THE FOX LEGS IN ONE KENNEL AND THE FOX PIECES IN THE OTHER KENNEL IN THE YARD AT 3945 AURORA.

PICTURES WERE TAKEN OF THE DEAD ANIMALS IN THE CAGES, THE SKINS HANGING UP IN THE GARAGE, THE SHOVEL USED TO BEAT THE COYOTES WITH, AND THE AREA WHERE MR COMBS KILLED THE ANIMALS.

THE TWO COYOTE SKINS AND SHOVEL WERE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE WITH PERMISSION FROM MR COMBS DURING OUR INVESTIGATION.

IPD OFFICER R GAMMON, G6109, ARRIVED ON SCENE, SPOKE WITH MR COMBS WHOM HE

LATER ARRESTED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY. THIS INFORMATION IS IN IPD REPORT CASE #IP06-117789, CAD #1063142193.

OFFICER: S0859 SWEENEY.KATIE ANIM

OFFICER: D4660

OPERATOR: 11/16/2006 07:25 20935 ROBERTS.CAPTOLA IMPD

This is perfectly normal trapper behavior?

Legs

Trap Builder

member is offline

Joined: Mar 2005
Posts: 110

Administrator

member is online



Joined: Feb 2005
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Trapping Teacher

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Re: Trapper makes headlines in the news

« Reply #1 on Nov 15, 2006, 8:15am »

Who is it Tim?

Looks like just the beginning of issues your state might face because once the animal rights have an issue to cry to the bleeding hearts it gets out of hand.

Bummer

Re: Trapper makes headlines in the news

« Reply #3 on Nov 15, 2006, 9:48am »

Its the a guy that has publicly stated on a forum that he "doesn't check his traps (per law) when its raining, etc.).

He needs a lesson on public relations and maybe a few more trappers Ed's....but maybe no use as some people just don't have a clue.

This could and allready (most likely) has damaged the State of Indiana Trappers by drawing un-needed attention to us and all it takes is one misshap to put us in a bad light.

The IDNR really were scurrying for an answer to the alligations of animal cruelty, I'm sure there will be a public outcry for them to re-look into dispatch methods, regs, etc.

The news story really left a negitive imprint (when shown on tv)

Re: Trapper makes headlines in the news

« Reply #4 on Nov 15, 2006, 10:22am »

lets lookat the real deal, it is a guy in the live coyote business dealing with the other guy in the live coyote business that neither one of them are qualified to be in. I told you all it was turning into a dirty biz and the run all over helter skelter buyer would ruin for everyone. but you all keep on selling to him. you all can blame yourselves for this type thing, even if indirectly. it's all greed. it is a buddy of a buddy of yours cindy. hint, ask the pres of the ista.

« Reply #5 on Nov 15, 2006, 2:06pm »

Bob i will agree with you there are to many people trying to be in the live market that don't have a clue what it takes to deal with it.

This one is a want to be trapper living in town. What in hell was he thinking that he could keep yotes in around city people?

Bend over cause this will hurt.

« Reply #9 on Nov 15, 2006, 5:39pm »

it was some guy goes by crj something on the internet sites, lives in greenwood. I heard his name once but can't remember it. serious, forgot it. wayne, he is a buddy of ista president lonnie and he is sticking up for him and supporting (I guess-) this persons actions and attention he has drawn to trappers and the live biz. if you are still an ista member you can take it up with the "ethics" comiitee, lol, that lonnie chairs, bwahahahaha. I did not renew my ista membership this year over stuff along this same vein.

(over)

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My name is CeAnn Lambert. I work with the renowned ethologist and director of Wolf Park, Dr. Erich Klinghammer, as his consult on the social behavior of coyotes. Whenever the Wolf Park receives calls or questions about coyotes, Dr Klinghammer refers them to me. I have twenty years experience in socializing coyotes, wolves and foxes. I am currently caring for twenty injured, orphaned or seized coyotes that have been placed with me by conservation officers and animal control authorities.

I am here to say that what has been proposed before this committee is inhumane because it stacks the cards against one single unprotected creature with no chance of survival. Does Indiana want the world to know about THIS?

Let me as an expert on coyote social behaviors explain exactly what will happen. To make it clear to you, I will describe what will happen from the coyote's point of view.

I'm trapped in a "live trap." I am taken to a strange location, where I am kept in a small cage for a few days. I don't have room to stretch my

muscles and sometimes, I can't even stand. I am not fed or given water and am surrounded by people who sometimes walk by and kick the cage. I am terrified!! I am so afraid, that I can't move. My whole body is cramped from being in one position.

(Does anyone here think this is sport?)

Next, I am taken to another location where the door is suddenly opened. I step out, but can hardly stand because of my cramped muscles. I look around. I do not recognize this territory. It is not mine! I don't know where the hiding places are. People poke at me with sticks or sometimes, their feet. I try to run.

Then, I hear dogs barking and they begin to chase me. I still can't move very fast, because of my cramped muscles. I make an effort.

(Is this fair chase?)

Then, one of the dogs catches me. I roll over on my back and urinate. This is my "cut off" signal that I would use with another coyote. It means, "I give up. There is no need to go any further. You don't need to hurt me."

The dogs don't understand. I try another "cut off signal." I turn my head to expose the tender part of my throat. The dogs should understand this one.

But this signal is also ignored! By now, there are three or four dogs on me

and they are tearing me apart. I am losing blood and the pain is horrible.
The end of my life is welcome. The last sound I hear is the sound of humans
laughing and egging on their dogs to tear me apart.

Make no mistake about it. This is what will happen if you authorize trappers
to sell live trapped coyotes to dog runners. The end result will be dog
fighting at it's worst. It is far more appalling than the crime that Michael
Vick has been found guilty of ----- a crime for which he has had to forfeit
the admiration of millions of fans ----a crime for which he has also forfeited
his personal fortune --- a crime for which he has forever lost the respect of
the entire world. For what is being proposed here will be viewed by the
world as they viewed his behavior.

Does Indiana really want to make this kind of activity legal?

I, as an Indiana citizen, urge you not to support the selling of coyotes for
such an atrocious "blood sport".

Thank you for allowing me to testify today.



Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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October 1, 2007

Glen Salmon, Director
Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife
402 W. Washington Street
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Dear Director Salmon:

The Ohio Division of Wildlife would like the opportunity to comment on the impact of the sale of live wild-caught coyotes in Indiana. This practice is not an accepted wildlife management practice and places other native wildlife species at risk, including those in your neighboring states. We urge that you prohibiting this practice.

Our strong opposition to legislation that would legalize the live sale of wild-caught coyotes is based on the following reasons:

- The sale of wild animals is in direct conflict with the North American Model of Conservation which has been the basis of wildlife management for over 200 years.
- Wildlife diseases are an imminent threat to many native wildlife species. Coyotes are vectors of rabies, canine distemper, mange, parvovirus, brucellosis, and echinococcus.
- Moving a problem coyote from one area to another simply relocates the problem rather than solving it. Problem animals should be killed.
- The sale of problem coyotes, just like the bounty system, is an ineffective method of dealing with depredation issues.
- Live sale of coyotes will promote commercialization and privatization of wildlife that are the property of all citizens.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife recommends that depredating coyotes be euthanized. Relocation of wildlife has proven to be a very unwise wildlife management practice especially with depredating animals. Research has shown that depredating coyotes tend to remain depredating coyotes and lethal control is necessary.

Thank you for allowing our comments on this matter. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. GRAHAM
Chief

NOTE: Letter from State of Ohio to State of Indiana

On issues of air and water pollution Indiana is already considered a pariah to neighboring states. It is time that we as citizens hold our legislators accountable to make sure that Hoosiers are allowed to be good natural resource neighbors. Stop the Hoosier Live Bait Legislators from promoting, legalizing, and expanding the live market Indiana fur trapping trade.





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Here is what the State of
Kentucky has to say on the issue
of live coyotes sales.
Kentucky specifically mentions
the State of Indiana.

Dear Director Salmon:

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) would like the opportunity to comment on the sale of live wild-caught coyotes in Indiana. KDFWR maintains the sale of wild-caught coyotes is not a sound management decision and we urge you to consider prohibiting this practice.

In Kentucky, there is considerable opposition regarding this issue from the public, as well as prominent sportsmen's organizations such as the United Trappers of Kentucky, Kentucky Furtakers, and the Kentucky Houndsmen Association.

KDFWR strongly opposes legislation that would legalize the live sale of wild-caught coyotes for the following reasons:

- Placing a monetary value on live coyotes can potentially increase the number of coyotes in Kentucky by creating a market for illegal importation from Indiana.
- Transportation and release of coyotes is a direct health threat to humans, wildlife, and domestic pets. Coyotes are vectors of rabies, canine distemper, mange, parvovirus, brucellosis, and echinococcus.
- Coyotes depredating livestock or pets should be killed. Pens are ineffective at holding coyotes. Coyotes moved to other areas will create problems for other landowners.
- People seeking to sell animals on the live market will target areas where coyotes are most easily obtained rather than individual coyotes responsible for depredation.
- Live sale of coyotes will promote commercialization and privatization of wildlife that are the property of all citizens.

KDFWR recommends that depredating coyotes be euthanized rather than relocated into the wild or released into fox pens. Only by killing depredating coyotes can landowners be certain to minimize recurrent nuisance problems.

Thank you for allowing our comments on this matter. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan W. Gassett
Commissioner

IN THEIR OWN WORDS ...

If you are one of the 99.8% of the U.S. population that does **NOT** trap wildlife, if you do **NOT** sell wildlife as bait, if you do **NOT** operate a running pen, then you might have difficulty grasping that what you see on the following pages is legitimate outdoor recreation. Many of us find it unthinkable that this type of brutality exists as a profit maker for trappers and dog trainers. It is a type of behavior and entertainment that goes beyond the boundaries of what most consider normal civil standards of behavior. And yet it goes on – under the radar, out of sight of the public. Lured by the money gotten from selling live trapped animals for such sport, the trappers are pushing to be able to sell our wildlife openly and without consequence – year around. They have enjoyed the profits of doing this for years benefiting from loopholes in law – laws no legislators or citizen groups had anticipated a need for. Now these pen runners and trappers want more – more marketing freedoms, more dog training pens, more access to our wildlife. They want to make dog training pens mainstream and acceptable to the public. They want us to view the “use” of the wildlife “resource” as a legitimate business and entertainment money maker. They want this to be a Hoosier supported and sanctioned recreation.

Frequently, trappers appear at public hearings and meetings to state that they need the cash from live animal sales to “put food on the table.” A look at demographics would tell you that trapper’s time would indeed be better spent investing in more education or steady employment. The rural landscapes are changing – counting on trapping and selling wildlife is not a skill that will be financially gainful in the future. This “live market” has been off the public radar for a good reason – the general public finds it appalling and distasteful. Yes, some have become rich at this trade. It was an activity carried on quietly and out of the public eye. When questioned, dog runners say their animals (dogs) are worth thousands of dollars. That the dogs enjoy the experience and that the bait “enjoys” being chased for hours. Shock collars, running penned animals, etc. – the ugly training that goes into making a dog a great killer is disgusting to most who enjoy the pleasure of companion dogs. And – they forget to tell what happens to the dogs that are gun shy, fearful, nonkillers. These animals are sold and sold again, left at animal shelters in great numbers, or abandoned in the woods to fend for themselves. Many are simply “dispatched” in the most convenient manner possible. Running kill dogs is a spectator sport – the hunters train the dogs, then step back and sic “teams” of dogs on their “allocated resource” victims. It is both the wildlife and the dogs that are brutalized. No wonder that internet sites linking to penned hunt locations and market sites for killer dogs, often warn that they will not print “graphic” photos submitted because of the “anti’s.” They are fully aware that the general public would be sickened to know the realities of this sport.

To that end, please read these quotes and view these photos which are available to any person or child using the internet. Rather than listen to what the Live Bait Hoosier Legislators and the live market sellers selectively “tell” the public, it is better to read what they share among themselves. **Read what they say. Look at what they do. Then – decide for yourself.**

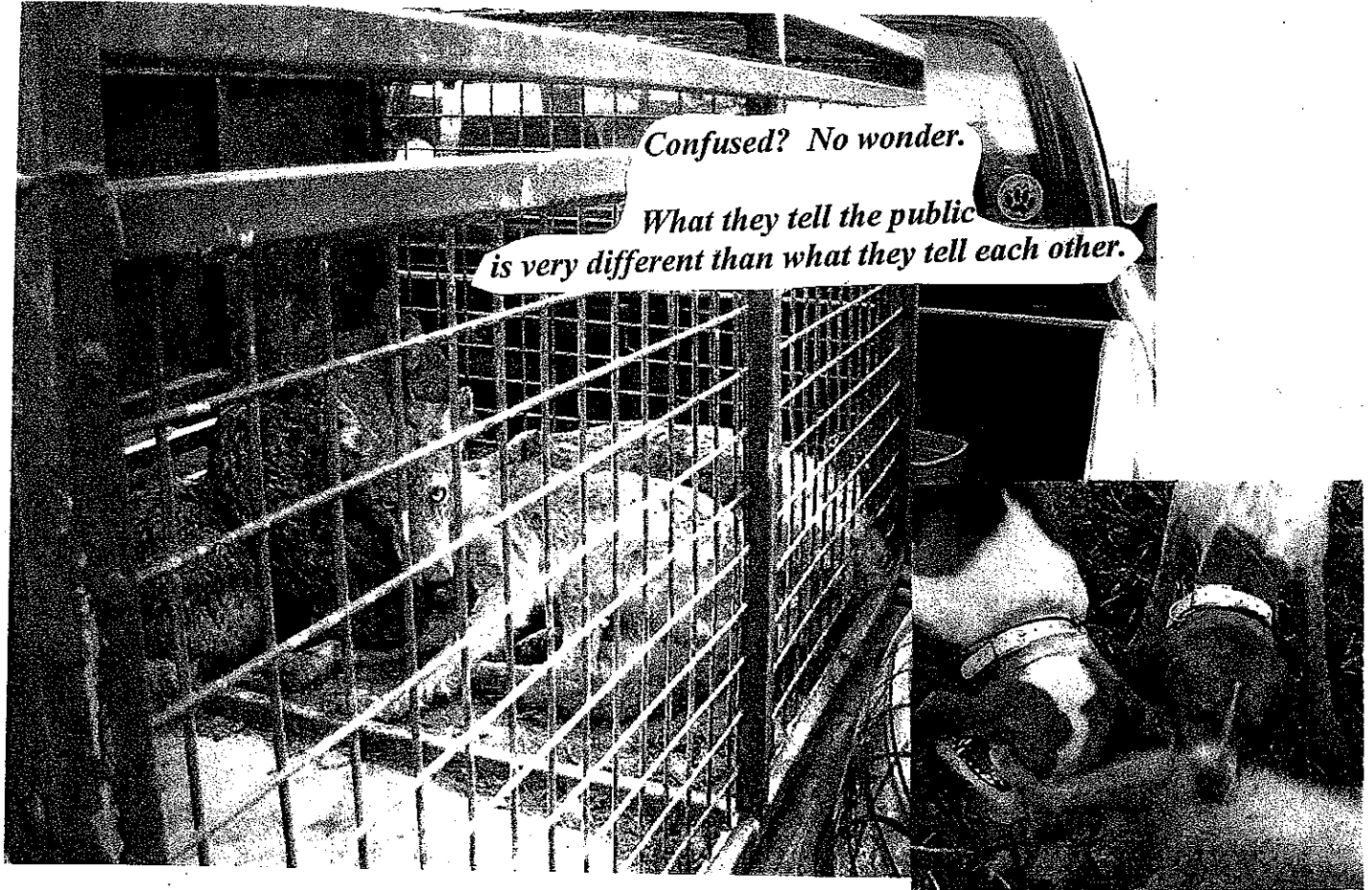
"Coyotes sold to running pens are not killed, it is never allowed...The coyote is of great value to the owners of the pens...and revered same as we revere great race horses. The animals are treated to the life of riley, as any valuable animal is."

Robert Wendt, DVM
Greenfield, IN
Coyote trapper

PUBLIC

October 18, 2007

Topix.net.forum re: Indianapolis Star article "DNR wants to save coyotes from being sold as live bait"



Confused? No wonder.

*What they tell the public
is very different than what they tell each other.*

"I don't care what happens to the coyotes, they are coyotes and would kill, maim, or torture every other living thing on earth if they could. Live by the sword, die by the sword. I like that, sounds like a good philosophy to me. So shoot them at the trap, run them for years, or let the dogs catch and rip them to shreds. So what? The money I get alive is the ONLY reason I can afford to trap. Hides aren't worth the cost of production, so it's trap and sell alive, or don't trap. That simple. And what the coyote thinks has no effect on any decision I make. He can't talk anyway."

Bob Wendt, DVM
Greenfield, IN

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Trapping Instructor, National Wildlife Damage Management Academy
April 23, 2007 "Live Market Talk" thread
Trappers Freedom internet discussion board

Subject: Emailing: fnitroscoyotehoundandhuntingadventurefrm2.htm---The "HOWLING" packmate chasing the hounds to try to lure them away references are in POST #1 and #15 by Page Callaway (is this a woman???)
From: "RJonesDVM/CKeeleyDVM" <drjdrk3@verizon.net>
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Nitro's Bulletin Board

> **Coyote Hunting**

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Foxdog449

Registered User

Posts: 13

(9/19/07 11:20 pm)

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Getting hounds to fight coyote?

I have a young pack of walkers that i run inside and outside the wire. I'm having trouble with them running deer some and have shocked their behinds off several times. I don't have an old broke dog but one is semi broke, she won't start it but will join in on a deer race.
coon hunters catch coons and let their young hounds fight them and kill them and tree them etc. Would it help to catch coyote and let my pack of young hounds bay him in the trap and kill him if they will? Alot of my problem running outside is my dogs will be running a yote and another yote will be running them howling the whole time and i want my pack to just stop and kill this son of a gun. Any insight on this will be appreciated....Page Callaway
Opelika Al.

kbaden

Registered User

Posts: 186

(9/20/07 11:18 am)

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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

It only took one time for my hound to get bit by a yote and he knew that it was time to fight! He has now killed 7 yotes by himself! He is a Blanket Back Plott!
If you can shoot a yote with out killing it and turn your dogs on him, that would help you figure out which dogs will fight and which ones wont!
That's how I do it and it works!
Kevin

Edited by: kbaden at: 9/20/07 11:18 am

Nitro223

NITRO

ezOP
Posts: 2080
(9/20/07 1:23 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

My recommendation would be to first finish breaking your semi broke hound off deer-then to run one other hound with this hound until you have them all broke completely. Next are your young hounds catching any of these yotes they are running? If they are catching them what do they do? If they are not catching any at all then I would be personally be doing some serious culling and getting me some hounds that would catch them.

The best thing I have found to get hounds that do catch coyotes and just bay is to put them with a hound or two that will kill a yote. This will have them doing more than just barking pretty quick in my opinion if they are ever gonna fight.

If your interested in a hound that will actually kill one e-mail at nitro223@hughes.net I might have something to help ya out.

KEEP FUR ON THE TAILGATE!

kscatcher

Registered User
Posts: 17
(9/21/07 7:36 am)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

I know there are 2 sides to every theory, but my experience has been a half shot coyote will do more damage to a "good set" of fighting hounds then a not shot coyote, "probably just the adrenalin, but i have seen some gritty dogs come out of a battle with a "half dead coyote" in pretty bad shape may not be all bad but it may well be the last hair a not so confident hound will pull. CONFIDENCE being the key word. just my 2 cents.

oxford dogger

Registered User
Posts: 125
(9/21/07 4:10 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

I have had good luck evaluating dogs by catching a yote and putting it in a roll cage. Evan young pups will show their grit, if they have any, this way. It builds confidence and fires them up.

Nitro is also correct if your dogs never catch yotes you need to upgrade. I have two young dogs 16 and 17 months old that are catching their share right now. I've also noticed that with both yote dogs and bear dogs the ones that wanted to catch were a lot less trashy than the dogs that just wanted to run something.

julywalker23

Registered User
Posts: 49
(9/23/07 9:02 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

or if they run or do what u want there wouldn't be any need to upgrade. just my thought.



Foxdog449

Registered User
Posts: 14
(9/27/07 9:42 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

That is the truth july walker23. I live in Alabama and it's thick here and the hounds never sight a yote unless the dang varmit lets them get close enough. I have seen my oldest dog in on bays and kills at the pens though we didn't wish this to happen. The other three i'm hunting just turned a year old and have run yotes in pens but i haven't seen them at any bays or kills yet. This is why i was thinking of the rolling cage deal or catch one and let them bay him in the trap and have the hounds on leashes then when they get real fired up pop a cap in the yotes rear and let him out the trap and drag his self off a ways then let the young hounds loose on him. Thanks for all the

comments and Mr. Nitro I have four running hounds and two six month olds that just started a while back and I can't afford to buy a hound from you but thanks for the offer. Page Callaway

Nitro223

NITRO

ezOP

Posts: 2084
(9/28/07 8:38 pm)
[Reply](#)

Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Foxdog449 I hope you weren't affended by my first post-if you like what you hunt then by all means hunt them. But I will say that my hounds as well as many others hunters I know have hounds that catch coyotes every day in thick brush and never lay an eye on them until they catch them for the kill. Next let me say to you that I wasn't trying to sell you a hound, actually when I asked you to e-mail me I wanted to get to know you better and hear your ideas. And in the back of my mind I had a hound I call Jet which is the best kill hound I have ever owned. This Jet will teach any hound to fight-as this is getting older I run my younger hounds much more than I do this hound. I was considering loaning him to you if I liked what I heard in the e-mail I asked you to send me. I have been in the almost the same spot you are in at one time in my life and thought that I might have helped someone else out as well as give Jet a chance to kill a few extra yotes this year. Good luck with your hounds. By the way this is the Jet hound I was talkin about.



KEEP FUR ON THE TAILGATE!

Wildcat223

Moderator

Posts: 639
(9/29/07 1:02 pm)
[Reply](#)

Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Look at the look in Jet's eyes, you must have just pryed him off of another one there. LOL.... It has been my experience that if you have to teach a hound to fight something he/she will never really be good at it. Either they have it or they don't.

Coldnose

Registered User
Posts: 504

Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

And That Hound Has It.

(9/29/07 4:24 pm)

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Coldnose
Robert Cole

Foxdog449

Registered User

Posts: 15

(9/29/07 11:06 pm)

[Reply](#)

Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Thanks for the thought Nitro and I wasn't offended at all. Down here no one hunts outside on fox/coyote except me who is trying to build a pack. We have plenty of coyote and way too many deer to. I guarantee you I have more game to run now...coyote....than when i rabbit hunted here. Some of the deer doggers are barely still hanging on for we do still have a dog deer season here. Most of the coyote hunters just run in the pens here and don't really want a fighting dog but i came to realize when i started running mine on the outside that i was going to have to get some for i have seen my three gyps chasing a coyote and one of the coyotes packmates was chasing my dogs howling every breath....this was at night and none of mine were going to kill the sob. Needless to say i got rid of two of the gyps on account of this for they would get right up on the yote and run him but if he stopped they would just stop to untill he started back running. I definatly need some fighting dogs. I set out those traps today and hope i have at least one to sick my young dogs on this morning and see if they have it in them to bay and kill him. Yeah i could use an older dog like that and would definatly take care of him for i sure take good care of the ones i have now. I have shock collars and a good tracking system and plenty of yotes to run and kill for that matter. I saw two today when i was setting the traps. I have two beagles that i got as six week old pups and they are thirteen years old now and still will run a rabbit. I may be different from some but i teach my hounds to sit, stay, come, heel, kennel up. etc and don't keep one that won't hunt and looks like i'm gonna have to add no fighters don't stay here anymore either. Call Jonathon Blakeley at home 334-514-7620 or his cell is 334-782-5000. He will talk your ear off though lol. I sure would like to borrow or use this hound if your still interested and I may in the future be able to send some money for him or his use. The guy above has given me five or six pups and knows me and my dogs well.....thanks for your time...Page Callaway

Foxdog449

Registered User

Posts: 16

(10/2/07 4:48 pm)

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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Hey Nitro I didn't mean to put you on the spot like that and after thinking about it i wish i hadn't posted the last one. I understand if you want to keep your hound and maybe later if you have something for sale when i have the bucks i may deal with you. Untill then i will just have to hunt my hounds and build me a pack just like i did with the rabbit dogs some years ago and the coon dogs before that. I can take the hard knocks with hunting dogs and keep on trucking cause i have been doing it for years. I have been enjoying your website for at least a couple of years now and have learned alot on here especially about the coyote hounds. Thanks and sorry again if i put you on the spotPage Callaway

oxford dogger

Registered User

Posts: 126

(10/7/07 1:19 pm)

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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Fox

I thought of you today. I had a good three hour race in heavy woods that ended with a caught [and killed] 36 lb. yote. A year ago the run would have been much longer and they would not have caught. I raised one and bought another dog that are making the differance. They are 16 and 18 months old. The point is it doesn't take for ever to get to the

run-to-catch point.

outside hunter

Registered User

Posts: 2
(10/7/07 8:08 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Say Fox , Take it form bits of info in your posts that you live in south. Have been hounds all my life and have seen the progression or development from foxhound to fox/coyote hound. I agree with those above that it has to bein the blood.

In the blood includes Drive,fight,stamina and very high on list a desire to run up on or at game. I also beleave that tendances to chase off game is in blood. It has been my experances that with dogs from south,where deer runing is exceptable,or even encruaged,you will have more deer races. not to say they cant run fox and coyote but they are genicly incline. presonaly if a touch of eletronic training does not stop the problem ,I simply remove them from the gene pool preminatly.

Wildcat223

Moderator

Posts: 640
(10/8/07 4:12 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Also a lot of the good southern breeding has been doen away with because people don't want them catching anymore, they just want to hear them bark.

Foxdog449

Registered User

Posts: 17
(10/8/07 10:28 pm)
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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Yeah I live in Alabama. I have a bunch of young hounds, three are one year old and two are six months old. I only have one older hound and she is three. All of these dogs have been run in pens and on the outside some. The older hounds sire never ran a deer and he would kill a yote. She is also CJ bred on the bottom side. She has ran deer and i have shocked her several times and she doesn't start it anymore but when one of the young hounds starts a deer she will join in and i can tell by her half hearted bark that it is trash. We have way too many deer here. Our deer season runs from oct 15 to the last day of Jan. You could shoot a buck and a doe a day up untill this year and they finally made it where you can only shoot four bucks a year but as many does as you want.

The dam of the two one year old male dogs and her brother both will kill the crap out of a yote. The sire and dam of the two six month old pups both will kill a yote. As for deer running you are all probably right...folks don't care if they run them cause they mostly run in pens and alot of the hunters here run deer with their dogs during season then hit the pens when deer season is gone. My problem is I don't want to start totally all the way over so all i know to do is run them and shock them on deer and try to get them on coyote/fox on the outside if possible. I can also trap some game and let them look at it and find out if they have the desire to bay and kill. There is no one in my area that trys to run coyote on the outside to my knowledge and if their were they wouldn't run with me for i have a young pack of deer runners. Back when i was rabbit hunting with beagles it took me two years of shocking them dang dogs on deer before i got them broke. Once i got them broke the younger dogs that followed were alot easier to break for if the old dogs didn't honor them i shocked them. So, from what i have told give me some more advice.....look for some pups out of deer proof stock? etc..Or where should i go from here...thanks fellas....Foxdog449...Page Callaway Opelika Alabama

Foxdog449

Registered User

Posts: 18
(10/12/07 7:27 pm)

Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

Hey you guys that are catching yotes are your hounds more of the 3hr to 5hr type hound and real fast or are they more game...can run 12hrs if have to

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and more med speed? Or do you have some of both? I'm just looking for ways to better my future pack. Also what do pups cost that come from you guys catching stock? Thanks Foxdog449

yotehunter243

Moderator

Posts: 1459

(10/13/07 1:35 pm)

[Reply](#)

Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

all our hounds have plenty of game and yet are fast enough to have a yote caught within half an hour...and so are Nitros...between nitro me and my brother we caught the @#%\$ out of the coyotes

yotehunter

oxford dogger

Registered User

Posts: 127

(10/13/07 4:41 pm)

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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

fox

The hounds I'm running will run 5 plus hours with good push. They will stick longer but I've never caught much after the first few hours.

Nitro223

NITRO

ezOP

Posts: 2092

(10/13/07 6:30 pm)

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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

In real thick cover I have a lot of chases that last a couple hours-the key to catching them in the thick brush is keeping pressure on them. If the coyote can get a head and get a breather the race will last much longer.

KEEP FUR ON THE TAILGATE!

Foxdog449

Registered User

Posts: 19

(10/13/07 6:33 pm)

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Re: Getting hounds to fight coyote?

So you northern and western fellas are hunting stock of dogs that have been catching coyotes ever since? When ya'll are catching the shirt out of the yotes are you running a big pack or can three good hounds catch and kill one? What kind of hounds are these you all are using....walkers, julys, walker july crosses, goodmans etc? I definatly need to do the rolling cage thing and work with what i have but in the future try and get some of the stock of dogs you guys have. Thanks for all the help fellas cause I want to do this in a bad way....the pens aren't enough for me just kinda like a training area and i want more than a pen dog.....thanks again....Foxdog449

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No Charges For Trapper Arrested In Coyote Shovel Beatings

Animal Officers Say Killings Cruel, But State OKs Method

POSTED: 11:54 pm EST November 14, 2006

INDIANAPOLIS -- An Indianapolis animal trapper who was arrested for the manner in which he killed two coyotes won't face criminal charges because the method is approved by the state, 6News' Jack Rinehart reported Tuesday.

Marion County's prosecutor decided that the trapper didn't break any laws in the killings, in which the trapper struck the coyotes in the head with a shovel and then suffocated them by standing on them.

Animal care and control officers began investigating the trapper before the coyotes were killed last week. Acting on an anonymous complaint about the welfare of the animals, the officers went to the trapper's south-side Indianapolis home, where the coyotes were caged. The man had trapped the animals in a rural area before taking them to his home.

The officers told the man that the animals needed to be in a bigger cage. When they returned the next day, they found they coyotes had been killed and skinned.

"We asked him how he killed them. He said he beat them with a shovel, and then when that didn't kill them, he stood on top of them and their lungs until they couldn't breathe anymore," Indianapolis animal control Lt. Jerry Bippus said.

The officers arrested the man, alleging that the killings were cruel.

"I don't care if it's a dog, cat or wildlife animal -- the way he did this to (the two coyotes) was very inhumane," Bippus said.

But the state Department of Natural Resources says a blow to the head, otherwise known as stunning, is one way that permittees can kill a captive wild nuisance animal.

According to DNR rules governing killing methods for such animals, proper stunning is "a single sharp blow to the head ... delivered to the central skull bone with sufficient force to immediately depress the central nervous system and destroy brain tissue."

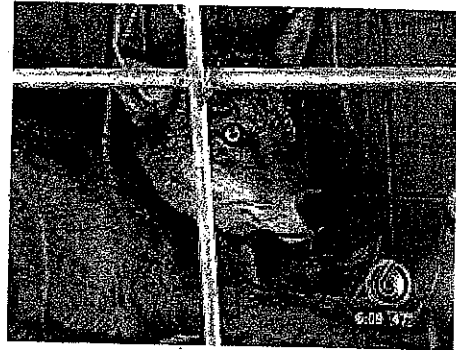
"The blow to the head must be followed immediately by a method that ensures death," the rules state. "Personnel using this method must be properly trained."

Other approved methods include electrocutions for unconscious animals, the administration of carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide, and gunshots.

"There's no good way to kill an animal, but if we want leather and if we want fur -- if we want to have leather belts and our shoes -- well, unfortunately, the animals have to be killed in some type of humane way," said Sgt. Dean Shadley of the DNR.

The trapper does face two citations for allegedly violating city ordinances by failing to post signs warning the public about dangerous animals on his property.

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Animal control officers say a south-side Indianapolis man hit two coyotes in the head with a shovel and suffocated them by stepping on them. The man was arrested, but a prosecutor said he had broken no laws.

Police Reports of the Trapper Abuse Case

INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE CASE REPORT: 06-0117183 - 0000

INCIDENT: 612 ANIMAL INVESTIGATION LOCATION: 3945 AURORA ST GEO ZONE: 440033 AREA:

SD BEAT: C32 OCCURRED: 11/09/2006 09:16 TO 11/09/2006 11:20 ARRESTS: 0 INJURED: 0 DEAD: 0

VEHICLE TOWED: 0

PERSON: 1

PERSON INVOLVEMENT: OTH ALL OTHERS

PERSON NAME: COMBS, ROBERT J

RACE: SEX:

DATE OF BIRTH: AGE:

ADDRESS: 3945 AURORA ST

CITY, STATE, ZIP: INDIANAPOLIS IN 46227

NARRATIVE:

ON 11-9-06 AT 0916 HOURS, I ARRIVED ON ACTIVITY #06003528, A COMPLAINT OF TWO COYOTES AND A DEAD FOX IN A CAGE AT 3945 AURORA.

UPON ARRIVAL, I OBSERVED THE PICKUP TRUCK PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY WITH SEVERAL STICKERS SUCH AS "GONE TRAPPING," "TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION," (INAUDIBLE), ETC. INSIDE THE BED OF THE TRUCK. THERE WAS A WIRE CRATE WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE BLOOD SMEARED OVER THE BOTTOM. THERE WAS ALSO A SMALL LIVE TRAP IN THE TRUCK. I THEN WENT INTO THE OPEN YARD WHERE I OBSERVED AN ABOVE GROUND KENNEL DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. EACH SECTION WAS 2' TALL, 41 DEEP, AND 3' WIDE. THE DIVIDER WAS PLYWOOD AND THERE WAS WOOD COVERING A PORTION OF THE TOP, THE OTHER THREE SIDES, BOTTOM, AND A PORTION OF THE TOP WERE WIRE.

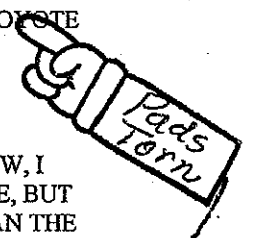
ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE KENNEL, THERE WERE TWO ADULT COYOTES WHICH WERE NOT ABLE TO STAND DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE ENCLOSURE. THERE WAS A WATER BUCKET IN WITH THE ANIMALS, SOME FECES AND A RAP WHICH HAD BEEN SHREDDED. THE COYOTES DID NOT MOVE THE ENTIRE TIME I WAS AT THE ADDRESS, BUT THE ONE LAYING IN THE FRONT HAD AN INJURED FRONT PAW. THE PADS OF THE ANIMALS' FEET WERE TORN.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DIVIDER, THERE WAS WHAT APPEARED TO BE PART OF A DEAD ANIMAL WHICH HAD BEEN SKINNED. LAYING ON THE GROUND NEXT TO THE KENNEL WAS A BLACK TRASH BAG WHICH SMELLED AS IF SOMETHING WAS DEAD INSIDE. BY THE OUTLINE OF THE BODY AND THE FEEL OF THE BAG, IT WAS APPARENT THERE WAS A DEAD ANIMAL INSIDE. 8806 OPENED THE BAG AND WE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DEAD COYOTE WHICH HAD BEEN SKINNED AND HAD ITS HEAD REMOVED.

THERE WAS ALSO A LIVE TRAP ON THE GROUND AND AN AX ALONG WITH DEBRIS THROUGHOUT THE YARD.

THERE WAS A DETACHED GARAGE NEXT TO THE KENNEL AND THROUGH THE WINDOW, I OBSERVED TWO ANIMAL PELTS HANGING, I WAS UNABLE TO GET A HOLD OF ANYONE, BUT THE TRUCK IN THE DRIVEWAY WENT BACK TO PERSON #1. R COMBS, II, WHEN 8806 RAN THE PLATE.

THE INSIDE OF THE HOUSE WAS VERY MESSY-WITH CLOTHES AND DEBRIS EVERYWHERE. I OBSERVED THE CHOCOLATE LAB THROUGH THE WINDOW WHICH WAS NOT WEARING ANY TAGS AND ALSO AN ORANGE AND BROWN TIGER DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR WHICH WAS NOT



WEARING TAGS. BOTH ANIMALS INSIDE APPEARED HEALTHY. 8806 CONTACTED DNR WHICH STATED IT IS NOT ILLEGAL FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP COYOTES WHEN THEY'RE IN SEASON AS LONG AS IT IS DONE HUMANELY.

A NOTICE WAS LEFT, PICTURES WERE TAKEN AND 24 HOUR RECHECK WAS SET UP FOR THE DEAD ANIMALS TO BE REMOVED. ALL CARE AND TREATMENT VIOLATIONS TO BE CORRECTED WITH THE COYOTES AND VACCINATIONS AND TAGS ON THE ANIMALS INSIDE.

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DATE OF BIRTH: 07/10/1974 AGE: 32

ID NUMBER: 2410-10-7898

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NARRATIVE:

ON 11-09-06, AT APPROX. 1530 HOURS, PERSON #1, R COMBS, II, CALLED ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL REGARDING A DOOR NOTICE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT ON HIS DOOR. MR COMBS ASKED ME WHAT THE VIOLATIONS WERE. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT IF THE COYOTES WERE GOING TO BE KEPT ON HIS PROPERTY, THEY NEEDED TO BE KEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CARE AND TREATMENT GUIDELINES, MEANING THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO BE KEPT IN A WAY THAT THEY COULD MOVE FREELY, HAD ACCESS TO SHELTER, AND HAD RECEIVED NECESSARY MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THE COYOTE WITH THE INJURED PAW.

MR COMBS WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT THE DEAD ANIMALS NEEDED TO BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.

MR COMBS ARGUED THAT THE COYOTES COULD MOVE FREELY INSIDE OF THE CAGE AND HE WAS ADVISED THE CAGE WAS NOT BIG ENOUGH. MR COMBS REPLIED THAT "I WILL JUST KILL THEM THEN." I TOLD HIM "OKAY." AND WE HUNG UP.

ON 11-10-06, AT 1005 HOURS, I RETURNED TO 3945 AURORA ON ACTIVITY #06003528. UPON ARRIVAL, I FOUND NOBODY HOME, THE COYOTES WERE NO LONGER IN THE CAGE, HOWEVER, THE CAGE WHICH HAD CONTAINED THE COYOTES NOW CONTAINED ANIMAL LEGS AND THE OTHER CAGE STILL CONTAINED DEAD ANIMAL PIECES.

THE DEAD ANIMAL IN THE BAGS HAD BEEN REMOVED. THE TWO ANIMALS INSIDE WERE STILL NOT WEARING ANY TAGS AND A RUN WAS SET UP FOR MIDDLE SHIFT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OWNER AND ISSUE ALL UTTS FROM 11-9-06, AS WELL AS 531-107 TIMES TWO FOR TODAY'S DATE.

ON 11-10-06, AT 1957 HOURS, OFFICER DYEN AND I RETURNED TO 3945 AURORA ON ACTIVITY #06003528 TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE RESIDENT, PERSON #1, R COMBS, II. UPON ARRIVAL, WE MADE CONTACT WITH

Dead

PERSON #1. R COMBS, II, WHO CAME OUTSIDE. MR COMBS WAS ADVISED THAT WE WERE THERE TO RECHECK ON THE VIOLATIONS FROM 11-9-06. I ASKED MR COMBS IF THE COYOTES WERE STILL IN THE YARD AND HE SAID, NO. I ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AND HE TOLD OFFICER DYEN AND I "I KILLED THEM." I ASKED HIM HOW AND HE SAID "BLUNT FORCE." HE THEN ASKED IF THIS WAS A PROBLEM. I ASKED MR COMBS EXACTLY HOW HE DID THAT, AND HE SAID HE "HIT THEM IN THE HEAD WITH A SHOVEL AND THEN STOOD ON THEIR LUNGS." AT THAT POINT, I CONTACTED 8802 AND ADVISED HIM OF WHAT I HAD BEEN TOLD. I ALSO CALLED FOR A DISTRICT CAR BECAUSE I BELIEVED THIS WAS CRUELTY.

I ASKED MR COMBS TO SHOW ME THE SHOVEL HE USED. HE THEN TOOK OFFICER DYEN AND I TO HIS OPEN BACK YARD. HE WENT INTO HIS ENCLOSED GARAGE AND CAME OUT WITH A SHOVEL ABOUT ONE FOOT LONG WITH A METAL END. I ASKED MR COMBS WHERE HE DID THIS AT, AND HE POINTED TO THE GROUND BESIDE THE CAGE WHERE THE ANIMALS HAD BEEN KEPT WHICH WAS IN HIS OPEN BACK YARD IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA TWO HOUSES DOWN FROM AN OFFICE BUILDING AND TWO HOUSES DOWN AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM A PUBLIC PARK WHICH WAS IN PLAIN VIEW.

I THEN ASKED MR COMBS HOW HE DISPOSED OF THEIR BODIES, AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE PUT THEM IN THE DUMPSTER WHERE HE WORKS WHICH WE LATER FOUND OUT TO BE AT 6508 ELMWOOD AV. I THEN ASKED MR COMBS WHERE THE ANIMAL THAT WAS IN THE TRASH BAG ON 11-9-06 WAS AND HE SAID IT WAS ALSO IN THE DUMPSTER AT HIS WORK.

I ASKED MR COMBS WHY THE ANIMAL IN THE TRASH BAG ON THAT DAY APPEARED TO HAVE ITS HEAD REMOVED AND HE SAID THAT IT HAD NOT, BUT THAT THERE WAS A DEAD FOX IN THE BAG WITH THE COYOTE AND THAT MAY HAVE BEEN WHAT I SAW.

I ASKED MR COMBS WHY THERE WERE ANIMAL LEGS IN THE CAGE WHERE THE COYOTES WERE AND HE SAID THAT THEY WERE LEFT THERE FROM THE FOX THAT HE SAID THE COYOTES, AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN THE COYOTES' CAGE BEFORE THEY WERE KILLED. HE SAID THE ANIMAL IN THE OTHER CAGE HAD BEEN A FOX.

I ASKED MR COMBS WHY HE KEPT THE LIVE COYOTES AND HE TOLD ME BECAUSE THERE'S ALIVE MARKET FROM THEM AND THEY THEY SELL FOR ABOUT \$30: DEAD THEY ONLY SELL FOR ABOUT \$10 TO \$15, BUT SINCE HE WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THE INJURED ANIMAL MEDICAL ATTENTION. HE DECIDED TO KILL THEM AND SKIN THEM. MR COMBS LATER OPENED THE DOOR TO THE GARAGE AND LET OFFICER DYEN AND I TO REMOVE THE TWO COYOTE SKINS WHICH HAD BEEN HANGING TO DRY.

MR COMBS WAS ISSUED CITATIONS FOR 11-9-06, CARE AND TREATMENT TIMES TWO, FOR THE CONDITION OF THE COYOTES IN THE CAGE; IMPROPER DISPOSAL TIMES THREE FOR THE DEAD FOX PARTS IN ONE CAGE AND THE FOX AND COYOTE WHICH WERE IN THE TRASH BAG. RABIES VACCINATIONS TIMES TWO FOR THE DOG AND CAT INSIDE WHICH MR COMBS COULD NOT FIND PROOF OF VACCINATIONS FOR; RABIES TAG AND PERMANENT ID TIMES TWO FOR THE CAT AND DOG WHICH WERE NOT

WEARING TAGS. MR COMBS STATED THAT THE DOG HAD A MICROCHIP BUT COULD NOT PROVIDE PROOF; AND ALSO, 531-506 FOR WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED FOR WILD AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS BECAUSE THERE WERE NO SIGNS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE COYOTES IN THE YARD. MR COMBS WAS ALSO CITED FOR VIOLATIONS ON 11-10-06: IMPROPER DISPOSAL AND OFFENSIVE USE OF AN ANIMAL TIMES FOUR, AT THE ADDRESS OF 6508 ELMWOOD FOR DUMPING THE FOX AND COYOTE FROM THE TRASH BAG AND ALSO THE TWO COYOTES WHICH HAD BEEN BEATEN TO DEATH IN THE DUMPSTER AT THIS ADDRESS; IMPROPER DISPOSAL TIMES TWO FOR THE FOX LEGS IN ONE KENNEL AND THE FOX PIECES IN THE OTHER KENNEL IN THE YARD AT 3945 AURORA.

PICTURES WERE TAKEN OF THE DEAD ANIMALS IN THE CAGES, THE SKINS HANGING UP IN THE GARAGE, THE SHOVEL USED TO BEAT THE COYOTES WITH, AND THE AREA WHERE MR COMBS KILLED THE ANIMALS.

THE TWO COYOTE SKINS AND SHOVEL WERE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE WITH PERMISSION FROM MR COMBS DURING OUR INVESTIGATION.

IPD OFFICER R GAMMON, G6109, ARRIVED ON SCENE, SPOKE WITH MR COMBS WHOM HE

LATER ARRESTED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY. THIS INFORMATION IS IN IPD REPORT CASE #IP06-117789, CAD #1063142193.

OFFICER: S0859 SWEENEY.KATIE ANIM

OFFICER: D4660

OPERATOR: 11/16/2006 07:25 20935 ROBERTS.CAPTOLA IMPD

This is perfectly normal trapper behavior?

Legs

Trap Builder

member is offline

Joined: Mar 2005
Posts: 110

Administrator

member is online



Joined: Feb 2005
Posts: 1,722

Trapping Teacher

member is online



Joined: Mar 2005
Gender: Male ♂
Posts: 2,353
member is online

hunter

Joined: Mar 2005
Gender: Male ♂
Posts: 661
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Trapping Teacher

member is online



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Re: Trapper makes headlines in the news

« Reply #1 on Nov 15, 2006, 8:15am »

Who is it Tim?

Looks like just the beginning of issues your state might face because once the animal rights have an issue to cry to the bleeding hearts it gets out of hand.

Bummer

Re: Trapper makes headlines in the news

« Reply #3 on Nov 15, 2006, 9:48am »

Its the a guy that has publicly stated on a forum that he "doesn't check his traps (per law) when its raining, etc.).

He needs a lesson on public relations and maybe a few more trappers Ed's....but maybe no use as some people just don't have a clue.

This could and allready (most likely) has damaged the State of Indiana Trappers by drawing un-needed attention to us and all it takes is one misshap to put us in a bad light.

The IDNR really were scurrying for an answer to the alligations of animal cruelty, I'm sure there will be a public outcry for them to re-look into dispatch methods, regs, etc.

The news story really left a negative imprint (when shown on tv)

Re: Trapper makes headlines in the news

« Reply #4 on Nov 15, 2006, 10:22am »

lets lookat the real deal, it is a guy in the live coyote business dealing with the other guy in the live coyote business that neither one of them are qualified to be in. I told you all it was turning into a dirty biz and the run all over helter skelter buyer would ruin for everyone. but you all keep on selling to him. you all can blame yourselves for this type thing, even if indirectly. it's all greed. it is a buddy of a buddy of yours cindy. hint, ask the pres of the ista.

« Reply #5 on Nov 15, 2006, 2:06pm »

Bob i will agree with you there are to many people trying to be in the live market that don't have a clue what it takes to deal with it. This one is a want to be trapper living in town.What in hell was he thinking that he could keep yotes in around city people? Bend over cause this will hurt.

« Reply #9 on Nov 15, 2006, 5:39pm »

it was some guy goes by crj something on the internet sites, lives in greenwood. I heard his name once but can't remember it. serious, forgot it. wayne, he is a buddy of ista president lonnie and he is sticking up for him and supporting (I guess-) this persons actions and attention he has drawn to trappers and the live biz. if you are still an ista member you can take it up with the "ethics" comiitee, lol, that lonnie chairs, bwahahahaha. I did not renew my ista membership this year over stuff along this same vein.

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I-Team Uncovers Blood Sport In Bay Area

Exclusive Investigation

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=i_team&id=3874872

 By Dan Noyes

Feb. 5 - KGO - California is known as a very progressive state in terms of animal rights. But the ABC 7 I-Team has uncovered a blood sport underway right here in the Bay Area, that's been banned in England.

It's called "open field coursing" -- all types of dogs race to catch and kill jackrabbits. A word of caution - some of the pictures might be disturbing, but we're being careful not to show the worst of them.

A group of greyhound owners meet at a restaurant in Fairfield before the sun comes up, to draw the order in which their dogs will compete. They drive their trailers to a farm field just off Interstate 80, and the heats begin.

Frank Morales: "It's a hundred point maximum system and there's up to 25 points for speed, agility and endurance."

The dogs race three at a time - they walk at the front. The rest of the owners and spectators form a straight line to the rear and try to flush out jackrabbits. When one bolts, the handlers can't release their dogs until the hunt master makes the call.

"Tally-ho!"

The race is on. The dogs get points for how aggressively they pursue the rabbit, for each time they make it turn, and for killing it. A few times on this day, the rabbit got away -- through a fence or into a drainage pipe. But most of the time the rabbit died, and usually a slow, terrible death. We'll stop the picture here, but this tug of war went on for a minute and forty-five seconds.

ABC7's Dan Noyes: "That's got to be a tough way to die for a rabbit."

Frank Morales: "Well, I wouldn't, I wouldn't want to die that way myself."

Owner to dog: "Ooh, you got blood on you."

These people defend the sport by saying it's not about killing the rabbit, it's about the chase.

Bob Bulman: "These two guys are athletes, I mean, and just to watch them run is sheer pleasure."

Loyce Ryan: "I guess if I was a rabbit I would think it is cruel, but not if I was a greyhound. I would love it."

Most of these dog owners live in Northern California. Others flew in from Seattle or Canada, just for this day of open field coursing.

Ann Standing: "If I had my way, I would have been a track and field star, and I'm a spaz, so sort of vicariously, the dogs do it for me."

At the races we met Frank Morales, a computer analyst for the San Francisco Unified School District. He's also the vice president of the National Open Field Coursing Association, founded in 1964. It's the umbrella group for 12 clubs up and down the state that do the same thing. Morales says this is just another form of hunting that's easier on the rabbits than shotguns.

Frank Morales: "There's a lot less chance of a hare being injured and having to limp off somewhere. They are either caught or they get away, whereas people with shotguns often wound animals and leave them out there."

The association keeps a Web site with coursing schedules for all sorts of dogs including Afghans, Salukis and Irish Wolfhounds. It also posts the results of each tournament and pictures of the top ten dogs.

All this comes as a surprise to the major animal rights groups we contacted, including the Humane Society of the United States.

Wayne Pacelle: "It's great to have field trials. It's great to have dogs running around. We celebrate that, we love that, we think that's super. But they shouldn't be chasing live animals and tearing them apart."

The sport was hugely popular in England, where thousands of people would turn out for a single event. But it was banned last year, along with fox hunting.

In this country, many states prohibit the sport, but not California. There's even a Department of Fish and Game regulation that says, "Coursing dogs may be used to take rabbits."

That may change.

Loni Hancock: "It's barbaric."

After we showed State Assembly member Loni Hancock pictures of rabbit coursing, she promised to sponsor a new law banning it.

Loni Hancock: "I think this is very in keeping with other legislation I've introduced and I think this should not be happening in California."

Rabbit coursers across the state are preparing for their own Super Bowl. What they call "The Grand Course" takes place in two weeks. If Loni Hancock has her way, it will be the last.

Loni Hancock: "It's amazing to think that people would be so insensitive as to think that is a way to recreate themselves."

Frank Morales: "I can see it in that dog's eyes every time they run. They live for this, this is what they've been bred for, for one thousand generations and they are not really complete until they've been running like this."

You don't have to use live rabbits to get a dog to run. There are tournaments most every weekend where dogs chase artificial lures on a pulley or even a white garbage bag.

We know there will be fall-out from our investigation and we'll let you know what happens.

TRAPPERS FREEDOM » Talk Trapping and post Pics » proper care for coyotes<http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Pics&action=display&thread=1174652367>**proper care for coyotes**

Post by tonymalone on Mar 23, 2007, 7:19am

I have 3 coyotes that were culled buy last buyer, 1- mangy - ivomec. her month and a half ago growing hair now (kind of funny looking w/ 1/3 long hair, 2/3 all new growth) when i pulled them out of pen i ivomec. her again ,along w/ pen. just for good measure, 2- coyote w/ skin off one pad, have been giveing pen. every other day, and spraying "cut & heal" on wound, looks like he will be o-k soon, 3- little gyp w/ raw spots on foot, been giveing pen every other day along w/ "cut & heal" on raw spots, i think she will be o-k to, I think these coyotes will be alright, was wondering if this is close to how yall would care for them, or is there more i could do, is there a better med. than "cut and heal" or is that plenty good , by seeing how these coyotes are healing i think i could have saved several that were euthanized and brought my saleable % way up , these have been cared for in smaller cage where they could be looked at as needed (why i want to build cages)where as in past have kept in communal pen 8'x24' when full you just can't dr. them as needed

Re: proper care for coyotes

Post by Tim Rose on Mar 23, 2007, 8:36am

It takes 30-45 days to heal an open laceration across foot (aslong as not to the bone)....it will then be a thin grey line when healed. When healed to that point I can sell at 100%, but still get the "okay, I'll take a chance on that one".

I do not spray or keep medicating the yote that has open foot wound.....I just let TIME take care of it with clean pens, good food and healthy environment.

There may be quicker fixes, but I bet it still takes close to the same amount of time to gain a "thin" grey line.

Re: proper care for coyotes

Post by tonymalone on Mar 23, 2007, 9:56am

Tim do you think regular spraying might prevent a few from chewing, or if he is going to chew , he is going to chew no matter what.

Re: proper care for coyotes

Post by Tim Rose on Mar 23, 2007, 10:18am

I'm not a sprayer, so don't know....

I know one guy that spays some ATNI-Biotic type stuff and swears by it.....but don't know more than that.

Re: proper care for coyotes

Post by BobWendt on Mar 23, 2007, 3:53pm

you're not just wasting your time, you are probably aggravating the situation by spraying anything at all. chasing him around or snaring to spray they just bust open 1/2 healed cuts etc, get all excited and rip around scared and causing more damage. shoot the critter with all the dope at the trap ,and if that doesn't fix them the next shot needs to be a lead injection. they don't "chew", they nibble off DEAD TISSUE in the normal licking /healing process. they can do it or maggots can, so ma nature chooses them to remove their own no feeling dead tissue. all the b.s. sprays in the world won't bring dead organic matter back to life. it isn't the primordial sea with a lightning strike. live foxes maybe some black spray paint might move an extra pinky-rooney or two, lol. unscrewing all the lighbulbs in the barn and nightloading helps too.

Re: proper care for coyotes

Post by redcoyote on Mar 23, 2007, 4:40pm

Why waste the time and energy to baby one back to health anyway? for the price of yotes, its easler to just catch more good ones. if hes cut out of the trap then i just kill because it takes a long time to heal. figure in time and feed and med. its not worth it to me!

tony, how did the softies work for you?

Re: proper care for coyotes

Post by tonymalone on Mar 26, 2007, 7:12am

actually pretty impressed w/ their performance, got taos lightening springs on them,almost no snapped traps, a little different bedding them w/ the stock shock springs was going to let coyotes take them off for me but surprizeingly none did and had some large males, but did have an ole sow cat break one off, made all the difference in the world bedding them. looks like i will be getting a few more doz. I like everything about my Bridgers better, i like the way they feel, bed, look, and the sudden valley pad kits help alot with good feet %. but over all i guess the victor won out.

Re: proper care for coyotes

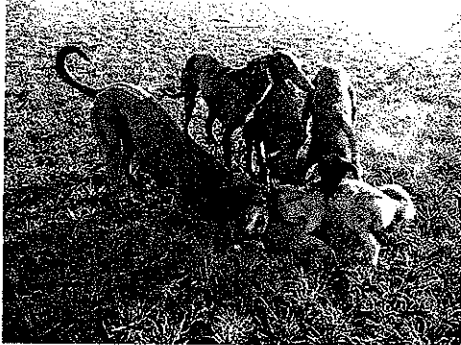
Post by BobWendt on Mar 26, 2007, 7:44am

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HOOSIERS CARE ABOUT CRUELTY TO DOGS & WILDLIFE

LEGISLATORS: DO YOU?

The following are pictures and commentary available on the internet for viewing. The comments have been copied directly from the internet. The spelling and wording have been left intact.
(For those who are not internet language savvy: LoL means laugh out loud)



they sacked him up pretty quick. I let me lenny pup out to help finish him off..LOL He's not a killer just yet, but he sure makes alot of racket in the box so i just let him out.

<http://p104.ezboard.com/Dogs-in-Action/ftesboard68150frm19.showMessage?topicID=39.topic>



I have
posted 3

pics of rattler and Socks!! In the first pic, Rattler is the red dog that has the yote by the throat. In the 2nd and 3rd pic Rattler and Socks are the only two red dogs in the pic. Both yotes were pulled out of tubes! Rattler was born deer proof. When he barks, it's a yote. He has one thing in mind when he hits the ground: Catch and Kill Mr. Yote!! It doesn't matter where Mr. Yote goes, cause Rattler will go with him!! He has killed several yotes without help and pulled several out of tubes and they are usually dead when he brings them out..

<http://p104.ezboard.com/Attn-yotehunter243/ftesboard68150frm8.showMessage?topicID=797.topic>



Ban Live Bait Dog Training!

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Dear Friends of Wildlife,

Below are excerpts from a dog running and training site. This will give you an idea of what is being done with Indiana coyotes when they are sold for the blood sport of "Live Bait Dog Training." This is dog fighting at its worst. The cards are stacked against one creature who doesn't have a chance to survive.

Celia Haugh

It only took one time for my hound to get bit by a yote and he knew that it was time to fight! He has now killed 7 yotes by himself! He is a Blanket Back Plott! If you can shoot a yote with out killing it and turn your dogs on him, that would help you figure out which dogs will fight and which ones wont! That's how I do it and it works!

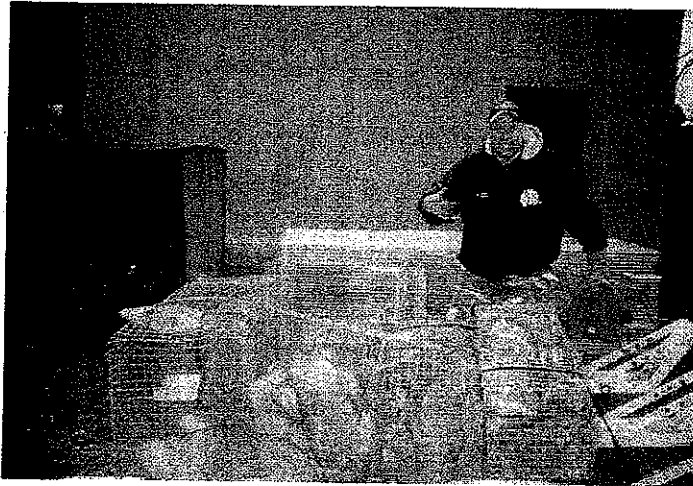


I have had good luck evaluating dogs by catching a yote and putting it in a roll cage. Even young pups will show their grit. If they have any. This way it builds confidence and fires them up.

Nitro is also correct if your dogs never catch yotes you need to upgrade. I have two young dogs 16 and 17 months old that are catching their share right now. I've also noticed that with both yote dogs and bear dogs the ones that wanted to catch were a lot less trashy than the dogs that just wanted to run something.

That is the truth. July walker23 I live in Alabama and it's thick here and the hounds never sight a yote unless the dang varmit lets them get close enough. I have seen my oldest dog in on bays and kills at the pens though we didn't wish this to happen. The other three I'm hunting just turned a year old and have run yotes in pens but haven't seen them at any bays or kills yet. This is why I was thinking of the rolling cage deal or catch one and let them bay him in the trap and have the hounds on leashes then when they get real fired up pop a cap in the yotes rear and let him out the trap and drag his self off a ways then let the young hounds loose on him. Thanks for all the comments and Mr. Nitro I have four running hounds and two six month olds that just started a while back and I can't afford to buy a hound from you but thanks for the offer.





And so these hapless animals are trapped and crated and sent to pens where they are chased by dogs in training. Some legislators think this is moral recreation and a good use of Hoosier wildlife for profit and fun. Do you think so?

Re: new regs for AR. live market

Post by tonymalone on Sept 20, 2007, 5:26pm

yea i'll get over the b/d permit, the main thing i'm not sure of is how many will be selling rite out of truck each day w/ no care to whether the coyotes are sound or not, which is ,what is already got alot of pens wanting snared coyotes only. he also said, that if they made it easier for ar. trappers maybe more would do it. which would help the coyote prob.

Re: new regs for AR. live market

Post by BobWendt on Sept 20, 2007, 6:46pm

ending the ability to do it at a profit (summer-\$100) is same as stopping it. as j said, come winter its \$35-50, and sometimes not even that. and pelts, well we know what they are worth, near nothing.

TRAPPERS FREEDOM » Talk Trapping and post Pics » what about the pups

<http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Pics&action=display&thread=1193094509>

what about the pups

Post by tonymalone on Oct 22, 2007, 6:08pm

what do yall do w/ the ones that just ain't big enough for the buyers? i've got them in the communal pen just feeding them ,hoping they'll grow fast.

Re: what about the pups

Post by BobWendt on Oct 22, 2007, 6:31pm

no such thing. there is no picking and choosing unless a bad foot. they buy all or none. they are wheezing you tony. or tell them, sure, pick out all the 2-3-4 year old females, \$500 each, beings that is about one in 10 the price sounds dirt cheap to me..

I haven't had any trouble with the pups either most pen owners I deal with have holding pens if they want to raise them they can but its not my job to do that. Get right down to it most of us sale way to cheap. I went to a hunt the other day actually had a delivery ,the owner had a 150 hounds in the hunt at 40 bucks a dog his only expense was some trophies and the game he provided. Do the math i tis more an dmore pens opening up around here and I am gonna up my prices some with this high dollar gas at least try anyway and if we all sticked together it would work

to: <http://www.buckcreekkennels.zoomshare.com/0.html>



Hounds in Action: 109_0969

He's being stretched in all directions! *(They find this humorous?)*



(Note that dogs have GPS collars and are being held on a leash!)

to: <http://www.buckcreekkennels.zoomshare.com/0.html>



DO YOU CARE ABOUT DOGS? Does this look fun? These folks are using shock collars to train dogs to tear into coyotes Below – they think it funny that “he is being stretched in all directions.”



Look at this helpless animal being torn to bits – Indiana wants to sell live wildlife for this “Sport?”

Which legislators support these trappers? The Live Bait Legislators?

What goes on behind the scenes to make this type of recreation available to dog runners? Let's look at some internet posts that discuss lobbying the Hoosier legislators for more favorable treatment for this form of recreation: (Note special references to Legislators Paul Robertson and Richard Young. Also note the many times Dale Grubb is mentioned.) Please also read for the sad fate of the coyote "pups" that are born in captivity and then sold to the live market.

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Re: Is the end of live market trapping here?
Post by BobWendt on Jul 15, 2006, 8:53am

I have a contract for 600 head at 90 bucks. must be snared, must be vaccinated and wormed and broke to dog food and guaranteed, i.e. replacement free of deads from starvation, disease or foot troubles. so I can't pay 90 bucks (like duh), but vcan pay \$50 delivered here , WHEN THE MAN IS COMING. no more being a coyote farmer for free. I can take care of the vaccinations and ivermec. foot caught, VERY HARD GRADE- \$50 and down to pelt value or not usable at all.

I can assure you that Paul Robertson and Richard young are friends to us as there my reps and i have been in contact with them.Paul even called me when something came up that he thought I should be aware of.Get to know who your friends and enemy's are,,,Chuck

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Re: Is the end of live market trapping here?
Post by SteveCraig on Jul 15, 2006, 9:05am

Chuck and Rod,
Another great guy on the Repts list is Dale Grubb. He is from Fountain Co.
Bob knows him well too!Re: Spring coyotes
Post by SteveCraig on Apr 7, 2007, 11:08am
Heck Bob,

If DNR wont help out with the wording,
Just get this taken care of like you did the last time.....through the legislature.
I'm sure Grubby will help. It worked before and will work again. Plus plenty in favor of it on our side. <http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Pics&action=print&thread=1175564835>Re: Spring coyotes
Post by BobWendt on Apr 7, 2007, 1:16pm

steve, the president of the marion county farm bureau was instrumental in getting this corrected back then, the original law. I just sat in and watched ,as an interested citizen. i had no input in wording .I catch dogs every year in footholds that are not softys, and I see these same dogs running and jumping the next day, and their owner doesn't even have a clue.

I'm sure we could get IN Pork producers, IN Cattlemens Ass....if needed on a big issuereguarding coyotes.....but contact would have to be made and may be a slow feel.....but, the benefit would be tremendous as they have people in high places in the state house.

Let's look at what these live market sellers and dog trainers have to say

I mostly run my hounds in the winter months. During the summer I run them in coyote pens. I run about every weekend during the winter and about once a month during the summer. I currently live in Iowa City, Iowa and I have to travel to Missouri to hunt in the pens.

My father-in-law got me interested in running coyote hounds. He lives on the Missouri border and has a little better access to the coyote pens. He currently owns 8 hounds but that number changes often. But it is usually around 8-10. His name is Lynn, he lives in Centerville, Iowa.

<http://www.rapidcreekridgekennels.20m.com/Photos%20page/one%20day%20hunt.JPG>



MY 10 month old pup misty has the tail LOL she ended up pulling 1/2 the tail off. The beagle made it there to. Hunter already got there and saved the day. its over now. I was just letting them chew on it.

(Please note the reference to coyote pups he has because of his breeder's license which allows him to breed these coyote pups and sell – note also the reference to the flood of coyotes in the Fall Live Market. Rep. Dale Grubb on call again.)

Re: Spring coyotes

Post by Tim Rose on Apr 3, 2007, 6:43am

Nope, I stopped March 15th.....running low on (free) food, plus thats the end of our yote season, unless you have written permission and then if you catch one it reads that you have to dispose of yote immediately.....

Bob thinks that that rule is BS.....but tell a CO that in the field...lol

I do have 7-8 spring pups in the pole barn that were born from yotes under my game breeder permit.....that should keep

Re: Spring coyotes

Post by BobWendt on Apr 4, 2007, 1:11am

thats funny. you mean a guy trapping on purpose ,or just never pulled them from last season? I guess same deal either way. I'm sure the guy will call you up tonight. reckon he will threaten to call the warden and press trap theft charges? bwahaha. seriously I thought with written permission from landowner they could be trapped year 'round, and with a game breeders lisc they could then be kept year round also. they weren't my traps and I'm not trapping now, but would be nice to get an exact clarification on the above scenario. in the past we have operated that way, in fact many have ,to the tune of hundreds of coyotes that just I alone know of. the boys down at evansville get over 100 coyotes each before oct 15th, to try to beat the fall live market flooding that is an annual occurance now. they have all their written permissions and the officer down there says no problem if they have the game breeders too, which they do.

Re: Spring coyotes

Post by BobWendt on Apr 5, 2007, 8:43pm

tim, the change and re-define is just in the last few years. I'm guessing someone hi up is pushing the envelope. how far it goes remains to be seen. I'm positive on the INTENT of the law, as I was there, now how it will end up remains to be seen yet. btw, the intent was to lower coyote populations for fun, sport , profit , adc , or just because. I was there, I heard it discussed at length and the wording was made very specific so as to allow all the above. I'm sure. at least that was the intent then, and I don't think it can be changed without a change in state law. I guess we'll see. this is really a bad deal in my mind that it may need tested. should never happen as then both sides look bad, it draws public attention and dnr and trappers both get un -needed negative attention. we need to be allies to get this situation remedied to mutual satisfaction

Re: Spring coyotes

Post by redcoyote on Apr 6, 2007, 5:14pm

This does make ones blood boil.... i will refer all my landowners to the DNR now when they have problems.

i'll have to call next week to get the dnr to send personel out to take care of the predators on the farm. there animals are out of control here so they need to resolve my issues. my cost are too high, im sure they have cheaper ways. where do i apply for cattle being killed? chickens? pets? i would like to be reimbursed for my losses do to there lack of management!

only way to stop this fullishness is to stop trapping or hunting and wait for the public outcry.

wait...if the dnr could make more money from live trapping that might just work too...

bad deal anyway you toss it...if you push the issue, trapping gets a black eye...already have one, two would be badddd.who controls coyotes the most... fur trappers? hunters? adc? or live trappers? Pelts not worth much, most here wont trap or hunt them. adc, not. the ones taking the large numbers arelive trappers. am i wrong? im new to this but ive never seen the numbers taken anywhere else.

Re: Spring coyotes

Re: DNR breaks deal with trappers

Post by BobWendt on Sept 5, 2007, 1:30pm just got off the phone with rep grubbs office and talking to his secretary. she had some prior knowledge on coyotes and put me right thru to dales home phone.

(Reminder: LOL stands for "laugh out loud." You will see this frequently throughout the trapper posts and comments. They find this very amusing.)

This coyote is caught – up against a fence. It has no room to move. Notice the equipment on the dogs. The next photo will show you the outcome.



Live Market talk

<http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Pics&actio...>

Post by Tim Rose on May 3, 2007, 6:51am

Welcome aboard nccowboy @

Re: Live Market talk

Post by Bottomline on May 3, 2007, 7:21am

Welcome NCCowboy!!!

John, go back a read some of the old posts. Alot of good live market information.

Re: Live Market talk

Post by BobWendt on May 3, 2007, 7:43am

I've got guys calling and begging for adult fox and coyotes now, and they aren't even asking the price anymore. I fully expect \$175 each out of the limited number of spring adult red fox I'll have. they'll kick and scream, but they'll pay it or not get any. when they say I'm expensive I say, nope, expensive is a 5 mile fence and facility with no game in it and shut down till winter. and when they say they normally get them from bubba for \$40 each I say then call bubba. they say but bubba is out! I say, well heck, when we are OUT we sell them for \$5 each, as I hang up the phone laughing. if more of you guys would do the same thing we wouldn't be back stabbing each other so bad to get a sale come next fall and winter.

Re: Live Market talk

Post by nccowboy on May 3, 2007, 8:01am

Thanks for the welcome, this site looks like a place to learn more about the live market an get some straight answers. @

Re: Live Market talk

Post by Bottomline on May 3, 2007, 9:21am

Very true on the back stabbing Bob. Down here, there are so many choices on who to sell to, they pay the price. If they don't, I call the next man. Part of the reason is they don't want ole so and so at another pen to get them first. The pens with the most game draw the hound hunters.....which equals \$\$.

Like every where else, some always go with the backstabber(lowballer) until he can't supply their need. They are half assed pens though anyway.

Our prices here are:

Coyotes \$100- \$125

Red Fox \$50-\$75

Grey Fox \$25- \$35

That's pretty much year round

Re: Live Market talk

Post by BobWendt on May 3, 2007, 11:47am

those low ballers would give \$30 for a 3 legged starve to death fox with mange and in distemper convulsions before they'd pay decent for a 4 legged healthy legal one. and then they complain all their game dies or gets caught from "busted legs". lol. walmart hat for a walmart head. hear it's \$100 winter, \$150 summer, plus or minus pending the day and time and mood, but 98% fall at those prices, take it or leave it. ther rub is you better be set up for long term holding and feeding to get it, as it's a buyers market . this is to the end user.

Re: Live Market talk

Post by Bottomline on May 3, 2007, 1:03pm

You got that right.

I rarely have to hold animals for more than a couple weeks. I need a setup like you have to be able to hold more...longer.

<http://p104.ezboard.com/l-was-asked-to-post-these/flesboard68150frm8.showMessage?topicID=682.topic>



That top pic is BAD ASS!!!!

*AHHHH THAT POOR LITTLE
COYOTEY*



After looking all morning for tracks after getting 18in. of snow, finally found a track at about 10:30. Put 2 dogs down, and they jumped in about 20 min, and brought him across a road where I added a couple more. He got down in a big valley and made a couple small circles, we seen the dogs not 20yds behind, so I was expecting a catch any minute. We were hearing the hounds real well then everything went quiet. I drove off the ridge and started tracking them going up the valley and found them caught under a bridge by the road! He was a nice big, MEAN male.

On the bottom picture the dog on the left looks to still have a little fur between the teeth. Looks like maybe the yote might have got a bite in on it too, see fresh scar there too. Good pics.

Mos mom

WHATS THE BREEDING ON THE LEFT HOUND IN TOP PICTURE, ISN'T THIS ONE OF THE HOUNDS THAT IN YOUR PREVIOUS PICTURES HAD ONE UP AGAINST AN OLD BARN AND GATE?

Them sure are some good pics!

vargy49

Administrator

Posts: 3004

(2/11/07 4:01 pm)

Reply -spoted one right off the bat!!

Well my truck started today!! LOL

I got out at daylight and picked a buddie up and didnt get 2 miles and spotted a pair coming out of a creek!!

Dave was coming today but hadnt made it yet!! he was on the phone with me when i seen the pair!!

I drove back near the creek and put Hunter and annie on the tracks.

They could run it but not the best!! Seems like first things in the mornings the hounds cant run a track very good in the last month!!

I make the east road as both yotes were crossing and went to add a couple more hounds in the race and my door on the dog box didnt latch and every hound got out.(What a mess this was) Every hound took the back track except rhino.For the next 2 hours Rhino run the yotes by him self till i could get him some more help. I finally got all the other 13 hounds loaded and gave dave 3 to make some room in my box!! LOL

I get back in the field and seen rhino still on the track and both yotes probly 1/4 mile ahead of him.The yotes made the north road and dave added his 3 hounds in the race so i loaded rhino and got back in the race.I got one more hound in now we have 4 hounds running 2 yotes. They didnt want to split up at all!!

They finally got up on them a little and split them up. I could see the yote they were running go right through some cattle. I think oh my this aint going to be a good deal with hounds screaming through them.

I get to the south road so i can watch and see the yote cross in front of me heading right up to a horse farm.I wait there so i can catch the hounds if they make it trough all the cattle.I could see the cattle getting a little spooky and getting worried. well the hounds lost the yote in all the cattle and stayed right there trying to find the track!!

I could still see the 2nd yote sitting down. The hounds get in a field where i could drive in and get them and the yote breaks for the south road.

dave puts rhino and sandy and marie on them and they run that yote for the hour or so. I finally get close enough to add Old digger and Hunter and Annie in the race.

They run this yote around and around in this 2 mile section.

They are staying about a 1/2 mile behind the whole time.

The yote finally crosses north and i can see it for a long time and get dave in place to see it cross the next north road.

I could of caught the hounds and jumped them up a section but i probly wouldnt of got all them caught.

I make the dirt road and put Snake,June and the beagle on the track.I could hear the back hounds still coming yet so the front hounds werent that far ahead.

make the next north road which is 2 miles and seen the yote turn and head back south west.

I make the west dirt road with the yote crossing right in front of me and snake about a 100 yards behind it with all the other hounds coming.

I make the north road and seen the yote and added the rest of my box in the race.Now this was all young hounds.All 5 hounds were looking at the yote when they went over the hill. dave could still see them from the dirt road. dave yells they just rolled it!!

I pull back in there and they were having a time with it!! LOL

Blazer is laying right on top of the yote holding it down LOL the only problem is he is on backwards LOL

The yote is biting his butt and tail. The yote gets loose and breaks again and they catch him again. Now this went on about 4 times. Snake really fought hard. He might have a little of his dad in him after all> LOL

Hunter finally gets to the rescue and pens the yote down. In a matter of a few mins all 13 hounds made it there.

My misty pup fought some today and started baying real well. That was her 2nd catch to be on ever at 10 months old.

One of the times the yote was making a break. Ace is grabbing g to pull it back down!!



Casey having a close one with the yote. The yote got ahold of his collar.



These are still all young hounds having a time with it!!



Snake found the sharp end but he didnt back down any!! Just made him madder!! Like his dad!!

MY 10 month old pup misty has the tail LOL she ended up pulling 1/2 the tail off.

The beagle made it there to. Hunter already got there and saved the day. its over now. I was just letting them chew on it.

The tail gate pic. This was sure a pretty one. Male that wieghed 37.10



Does Wildlife Belong to the Public – Held in Public Trust?
Is it right for trappers to threaten career IDNR employees?
Does the DNR answer to only the CONSUMERS of wildlife?
Or, Does the DNR have a responsibility to the public and the wildlife?

(Read about the career threats to IDNR personnel)

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Trap Setter
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 **Re: free market compromise**
« Reply #8 on Oct 5, 2007, 9:53am »

Joined: Oct 2007
Posts: 2

gameboy
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→ Hey fellahs! I just signed on though I have been following the discussion since Tim gave me this site. Last night I talked to one of the commission members who confirmed he was strongly opposed to this rule change. I also explained the results of the DNR Advisory Committee hearing. I also talked to another official who confirmed to me his belief that the individuals who initiated this effort were in danger of creating some career problems for themselves. ←

« Reply #10 on Oct 5, 2007, 11:24am »

Joined: Feb 2007
Posts: 113
Location: Southern IN

Thanks legaltrapper for being there; you done a great job. "career problems"?? That is something that needs to take place for sure! Also I was told that the same lady that done the analogy of a coyote in an enclosure also done the same thing concerning CAFO's (confined animal feeding operation) in a dispute with a farmer and Farm Bureau. I'm assuming she was a penned up pig or chicken in that pitiful story. I was told that she is at all the committee hearings just like ours.

BobWendt
Trapping Teacher
★★★★★
member is online

« Reply #9 on Oct 5, 2007, 11:23am »



Joined: Mar 2005
Gender: Male ♂
Posts: 2,219

→ that's what everyone has been thinking but afraid to say for fear of repercussions from ,for lack a better word, bullies in enforcement. no one likes being threatened by enforcment and we all have been threatened with arrest already and the coyote harvest has gone to zero this summer because of it. just today I had a very large and wealthy marion county farmer and land owner and business owner call and ask why I wasn't there catching coyotes? I told him why and he was steamed to the max. anyone think I'm wheezing you I'll pm his name and phone number if it helps. and he wasn't the first this summer either. money has been lost by trappers and land owners both because of these threats from the dnr. there has been much talk in private that repercussions need to come from the travesty that has been perpetuated by "some" in our dnr. the fact that near everyone is afraid to say it publically is proof enough of the gravity of the situation.

legaltrapperheronb
Trap Setter
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 **Re: free market compromise**
« Reply #12 on Oct 5, 2007, 1:37pm »

Joined: Oct 2007
Posts: 2

I simply think that someone got out ahead of themselves on this one. Likely they didn't think about the ramifications of what they were proposing. This often happens in the government rulemaking process. The problem is when it blows up (like this one has) it can be a little embarrassing. No one enjoys being in that situation. Thats why I think its a good idea to see if there are some regs we can tweak that trappers and the DNR can agree on. We all have to live together when this issue is over. By the way I told my wife and law partner that I haven't enjoyed doing what I do as much as I did the other day in a long long time. I told some of the guys that I have often written in on my membership cards that I would always be available to volunteer if there was ny legal assistance needed and I was overjoyed to help. Trust me , you arent going to ask me to put on a dirt hole demo. However, I do make a mighty fine opossum set.



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Jason R. Bruce

Topic: Fox ? (Read 60 times)

Fox ?
« Thread Started on Oct 12, 2007, 7:13pm »

been catching a few greys, i choke my cats , but shoot my fox, getting tire of bloody fox, how do ya dispatch him humanely ? do ya pin his head, and stand on his ribs, up towards shoulders? how long does it take? i weigh 260

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Re: Fox ?
« Reply #1 on Oct 12, 2007, 7:33pm »

I've been told that you stand on the back of the neck and grab both back feet and pull up in a quick motion. Snap/done.

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Re: Fox ?
« Reply #2 on Oct 12, 2007, 7:35pm »

thats kinda how we do a possum.

Re: Fox ?
« Reply #3 on Oct 12, 2007, 8:30pm »

reds the neck break is easy by hand, greys, nope, unless you are ahh-nold. I use chest compression, but the acute method, the fast one. whooomp! tail spin..... fast, humane, bloodless

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Re: Fox ?
« Reply #4 on Yesterday at 8:39am »

Yup, the neck pop is how I do a possum... put a rebar stake across the back of the neck and stand on each end- then jerk the hind feet straight up. I bump reds and greys behind the ears with rebar, quick and clean.

TRAPPERS FREEDOM » Talk Trapping and post Pics » warranty on coyotes<http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Pics&action=display&thread=1174479099>**warranty on coyotes**

Post by tonymalone on Mar 21, 2007, 7:11am

do yall sell any, and then the pen owner come back and say he got a bad coyote, how do yall handle this? i have a buyer that has bought 40+ without a complaint, we cull at my place as we load. another guy bought 6 and claimed all six were bad and wants replacements, i gave them to him along with 2 more that should have been culled, he claims all 8 were bad, thats 14 coyotes for the price of 6 (i know 2 were bad) advice welcome on how this is handled in other places.

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by Tim Rose on Mar 21, 2007, 8:33am

I do not sell direct, so never have that problem (but, I don't get as much \$ for mine doing it like that) I would think once the buyer says "yep, I'll take those" and loads them up without complaint that they are his babys then, with no refunds.....I can see helping a guy out for a yote or 2 if he had a mayjor problem to keep good relations, but to replace the whole deal is a little much in my eyes.

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by BobWendt on Mar 21, 2007, 8:38am

that must be the guy I advised he buy ewisewhere in the future, which he assured me he would never deal with me again. I said thank you sir! seriously, I don't try to slip any b.s. on them and they know it. if I have culls I point them out and sell cut rate, but rather just turn them loose. once they are loaded they are theirs. no one can tell if a coyote is a runner or a possum, assuming all the feet are decent. the standard rule is once in the buyers truck they are the buyers coyotes. you just screwed yourself in my opinion. you can bet the guy will be back again, but that is your problem now. I'd make it clear if you insist on dealing with him that from now on if accepts the critter, it is his even if it falls over dead from a heart attack 1 minute later. buyer wouldn't have been mike mciece would it? nah, igf that was the case he'd still owe you fr the first 6. you ought to tell us his name so we can at least be sure to tell him the ropes if he contacts one of us. I've sold 62 head in the last 2 weeks and still sitting on 48. it's getting the time of year they should empty out pretty quick now.

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by doyleflory on Mar 21, 2007, 12:59pm

once in his truck they are his.If you will replace them he will ride his good horse to death.

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by tonymalone on Mar 21, 2007, 1:31pm

this fellow is about 35 miles up the road, buys alot of coyotes(60-70 a year) from somewhere,(bootleg out of MO.) don't know what he pays for them. says he would like to buy them from me. I think being a newbie i learned a lesson. I think I will tell him Iwant replace anymore for him he has done got 14 for the price of 6. sounds like that was a pretty good deal. any more, are as is, cull at my house when you leave they're yours. hope we can still do bussiness. if not oh well. thanks guys.

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by BobWendt on Mar 21, 2007, 4:29pm

probably he won't want to deal with you now. and don't you feel silly for giving him 8 free coyotes and now you are the bad guy. sounds like he's doing you a favor if he won't deal with you anymore. hey, send him mike mcieces phone number in ms. that way who ever shafts who ,the rest of the world wins.

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by mattbredeweg on Mar 21, 2007, 8:03pm

I'll give him B.Burks number...only thing is that yotes will probably be limping and have no teeth.....Burks says he has so many coming in that he only pays 35....but i'm sure hed sell for 50 elsewhere...maybe we could hook those two clowns up.....sounds like a nice pair of arsess.....lol....lol.....

Re: warranty on coyotes

Post by tonymalone on Mar 22, 2007, 7:06am

sad thing is i do feel pretty silly for letting this happen, because good coyotes or not he still got them cheaper this way,(14 devided buy the price of 6 comes up pretty cheap) than if he had bought them from guys that sell day to day and gamble if they are good or not, because some of those guys just use any kind of old trap and odds are those yotes are bad, and i know not all of mine were bad! shooting them in the head for fur sure was simpler

TRAPPERS FREEDOM » Talk Trapping and post Pics » **bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed**
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bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by BobWendt on Feb 2, 2006, 9:10pm

need lots of live coyotes right now to finish mega order. very good price. beat earl coming and going. if you were too greedy to hold and sold cheap- shame on you, you lose. anyone got any, call or we mail me right away.

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by fatrat on Feb 2, 2006, 9:56pm

Bob, What is your deadline and how many do you still need..Ben.

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by BobWendt on Feb 2, 2006, 10:12pm

all you can get, 8 days on this deal, but from here on out it's all our way now that the 40 dollar boys have used up their vacation and back to their hi dollar an hour plus benefits jobs at the factory. so get all you can. price depends on feet, but good, real good. snared is a premium- or perfect feet with softcatch. steel trapped, just as well bean 'em on the noggin unless you run every 2 hrs. pass the word, I guarantee you can't flood me now.

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by wbblount on Feb 3, 2006, 4:18am

I'll see what I can do, don't have any set up right now, ben cutten steel (180 a ton for 5 foot) I can do 2-5 ton away sure can make that much on coyotes & there not many left close to me, but I talked to my cousin last night & he says there every where where he lives on the tippy by Tiasoa, & he's got about 25 tons of old farm equipment on another farm he just bought for wet land restoration (virgin area), they can't get no one to trap, so I'm going to (Trap & scrap it at the same time)

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by furbuy46 on Feb 4, 2006, 10:57pm

Bob covered up to my rear in fur at this time! Hope to be ahead in a week or so. After the end of season rush I expect to catch some yotes. Will contact you then. Thanks.

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by BobWendt on Feb 5, 2006, 7:49am

market looks good near indefinitely now, but the rush is on in the near future, like next week.

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by dmduck on Feb 5, 2006, 10:46am

I tried to whistle the one into the back of the van this morning ...but he was too interested in getting across the road with that fat rabbit he had in his jaws

I set a few spots out yesterday and I'm going to a new farm todayI hope that's an open invite to selling live yotes? I might actually catch 1 or 2

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by BobWendt on Feb 5, 2006, 12:03pm

you betcha, need all I can get. if nothing else you will get a hell of an education on frozen feet, selling live ins and outs. if you skin 'em, sell me the guts.

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by BobWendt on Feb 5, 2006, 12:03pm

p.s. with frigid temps, I advise 1/8th inch snares now, at least till temps moderate.

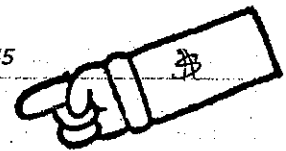
Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by MKBorders on Feb 5, 2006, 9:11pm

Why is that Bob?

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by BobWendt on Feb 6, 2006, 6:13am

frozen feetr in foot traps

Re: bill, furbuy, etc etc- live coyotes needed
Post by dmduck on Feb 7, 2006, 8:21pm



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TRAPPERS FREEDOM » Talk Trapping and post Pics » **hey softy, where are my toes**

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hey softy, where are my toes

Post by redcoyote on Oct 23, 2006, 6:42am

tried the softcatch this week. managed to scratch out 11 yotes in all the mud and water. of the eleven, only two did not chew on their toes. is this normal or did the conditions this week factor in on the problem? warning, tried a few rubberjaw dukes also and they were left in pieces! they are a pile of crap, so i called duke and they said they know they are crap. will send back for refund!

Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by Tim Rose on Oct 23, 2006, 7:45am

They must be real hungry to chew on them toes like that.....

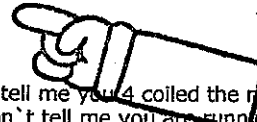


The only time I've had yotes chew their toes is in the winter (well below freezing, like 20 degrees and down) when the foot is froze. But, most of the yotes I catch are not hungry as they are big as bears and as round as a 55 gal. drum.....hehe

Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by BobWendt on Oct 23, 2006, 9:29am

I get near 100% perfect feet. you are doing something terrible terrible wrong. don't tell me you #4 coiled the new victors. don't tell me you are covering an inch deep with dirt and toe catching everything. don't tell me you are running them at 5 in the afternoon. I can't even imagine what else one could do to have such poor results. I'd suggest a crash course in softcatch, or go back to all 1/8th snares. that is a terrible waste of coyotes.



Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by redcoyote on Oct 23, 2006, 10:47am

factory traps, no mods. light covering, zero toe catches! will just try and snare for now on, won't be high numbers though. also all checked before 10 am

Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by BobWendt on Oct 23, 2006, 4:08pm

you got me. I try to be done running by daylight, but I wouldn't think an extra hr or two would matter.

Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by BobWendt on Oct 23, 2006, 4:09pm

I have noticed the "NEW" victor softies have way way more powerful springs in them than the older models. they look like #4 springs to me. If so, that's your problem, just too strong. they didn't use to be that way.

Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by redcoyote on Oct 23, 2006, 7:36pm

just going to give up on foot trapping for now, tried about everything so i will just snare. if i ran most my areas before daylight i would be dealing with law enforcement to much. too populated and too much poaching in the area!

Re: hey softy, where are my toes

Post by cowboytrapper on Oct 24, 2006, 12:05am

The one I caught was in a duke softcatch and it had tore it's leg up pretty good. It was the last of the traps a ran that morning but I figuar it was caught early as it had the biggest and deepest catch circle I had ever experienced out of the 11 total yotes I had caught.

I was looking at the trap and thought it might have been rubbing on the bottom of the bolts for the pads. Wish I had a camara so I could show the circle.

Hoosier Senator Walker "has no problem with selling the animals to a dog-training facility"

Senator Senator Greg Walker

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Deacon Walker



Re: this weekends hunting

Wow!! That's some good hunting! We had some good hunting this weekend too! We had 5 on the ground before Noon and got 2 more before 2pm. 3 of them were on the ground with in 8 mins of each other. They were running everywhere. One of the best day's of hunting our group has had in long time! Glad to hear of someone else's good hunts. Keep it up! Barks.

The sale of coyotes to fox hound trainers is also big here in North Carolina. This practice is believed to be partially to blame for the rapid population explosion we are experiencing in the coyote population.

<http://skinnymoos.com/moosedroppings/2007/03/07/bounty-the-quicker-pick-upper-could-it-work-on-the-song-dog/>

Coyotes are now found in all one 100 counties across North Carolina. The funny thing is that the fox hound hunters brought them in to train their dogs but once in the wild coyotes will hunt and kill the foxes.

Indiana DNR Wants To Prevent Coyotes From Being Sold

Posted by Tom Remington on October 18, 2007

What some are calling an ambiguous loophole in an Indiana state law, trappers who are taking wild coyotes outside of the prescribed coyote trapping season, are keeping them alive and selling them to dog trainers and using them to collect urine for use by trappers. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources says that practice has to stop.



Coyotes are being sold to states that allow hound trainers to use live wild animals for training purposes. Indiana does not allow this so trappers are selling the coyotes to states like South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia where the use of live animals is allowed for dog training.

Animal rights groups are pressuring the IDNR saying the practice is cruel and inhumane but some legislators who sit on the Natural Resources Study Committee don't see it that way at all.

State Sen. Greg Walker, who is on the committee, said he did not see a problem with selling the animals to dog-training facilities because the care is often better than their lives in the wild.

"For the kennels which do the training of hunting dogs, they prefer to keep the animals in good condition," said Walker, R-Columbus.

Generally, trainers do not allow the bait animals to be caught, Crider said. "It's really nothing that runs counter to what these animals experience in the wild anyway," Walker said. "It's part of their natural makeup, it's part of their DNA, and so if it's cruel, I guess sometimes you'd say nature is cruel."

While the DNR is suggesting a change to the rules, the Study Committee could propose legislation that would override any DNR recommendation.

Tom Remington

BW
Member
Posts: 389
(2/13/07 12:06
am)
Reply

Re: this weekends hunting

wow you must of got into a bunch, did dogs run em all or were some of em innocent? I wasnt really involved with the contest, i went for a little while both days caught a pair and called it quits....Bish was the ringleader youll have to call him or Trav or Ron to get results.....



October 18th, 2007 at 11:21 am

Albert ladd Says:

I know one trapper in Indiana that does this, but he's not trapping out of season, he traps out of state, Brings them back home and resels to the live market.

He also is a licensed vet, and takes proper care of them from the start.

It's nothing for him to return to Indi with a 100 coyotes and fox after a trapping workout in Kansas.



Cruel New Twist for Trapper Animals

Posted: 13 Nov 2007 12:02 PM CST

There are **some sport hunting practices** that are simply beyond the pale. Bear baiting, high-tech hound hunting, pheasant stocking, contest kills and canned hunts are among the worst. These practices are at odds with the rhetoric that hunters and hunting leaders employ in defending hunting, such as hunting playing a role in controlling populations, hunters abiding by fair chase standards, and the wildlife management industry not allowing the commercial and market exploitation of wildlife populations. All of the hunting practices mentioned above violate these self-expressed norms.

But truly one of the most appalling practices is the live **leghold trapping** or snaring of coyotes and foxes, keeping these wild animals in cages as captives, selling them to hunting clubs, and then releasing them into penned or caged areas where they will be chased and attacked by hunting dogs. These "coyote pens" or "fox pens" provide a way to train hunting dogs and instill greater aggression in them, and are also just plain entertainment for the "hunters" who organize these spectacles. One coyote or fox may be pitted against as many as 20 hunting dogs, with the hunters periodically releasing "fresh" dogs to continue the chase. It's a fee-for-service program.



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Yesterday, the law came down on individuals perpetrating this cruelty in a multi-state sting. Law enforcement personnel from Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia **shut down 36 fox and coyote pens** for violations of their permits, and charges will be leveled against those involved.

Fifty-five foxes, 25 coyotes and two bobcats, along with a moonshine still and 33 cardinals apparently used as bait, were seized in yesterday's probe—the culmination of a two-year undercover investigation.

This is a sick practice—an amalgam of canned hunting and animal fighting—and it must be put to an end. We've been working for the past few months in Indiana to crack down on the practice there. Indiana and other Midwestern states are major suppliers of coyotes to pen operators in the East and South.

The **Indiana Department of Natural Resources** has proposed a rule that would require trappers to kill coyotes within 24 hours of taking them—during trapping season only. This would prevent individuals from selling Indiana coyotes into the live market from October-March, but obviously that's only part of the year. The Indiana DNR and the state legislature need to take action and stop this practice year-round. **All states** should close their borders to this commercial trade in live wildlife and this odious cruelty.

The Other Side: IN Trappers collect money for legal fund to continue the sale of live animals as bait!

TRAPPERS FREEDOM » Trappers Freedom Talk » **The Scentuous Trapper**

<http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Freedom&action=display&thread=1192639354>

The Scentuous Trapper

Post by Tim Rose on Oct 17, 2007, 11:42am

Many of you have asked to get a copy of this Historical book and or help generate funds.

There is a limited # and when they are gone that is it.....the book is 34 years old and was used (at the time) to build a Tapping Defence fund

The time has come again to rally the troops and the Scentuous Trapper is ready to do its part to help Trappers in Indiana build a legal fund to help with Attorney costs with the Coyote "take" issue that we all are fighting.

So I/We ask that you open your harts and help your brothers. You will recieve this fine book along with a Thank You letter recognizing your donation in Defending Trapping in Indiana.

There is no set limit on your donation, we just ask that you support the fight.

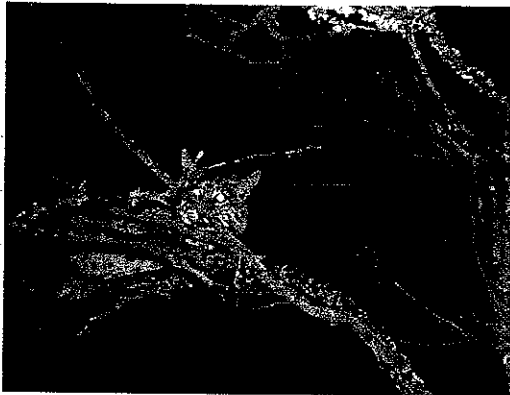
You don't have to be an FTA member to support the cause....FTA Indiana is defending ALL trappers, even YOU!

Thanks again

Tim Rose
FTA Indiana State Organizer

Send Check or MO to:

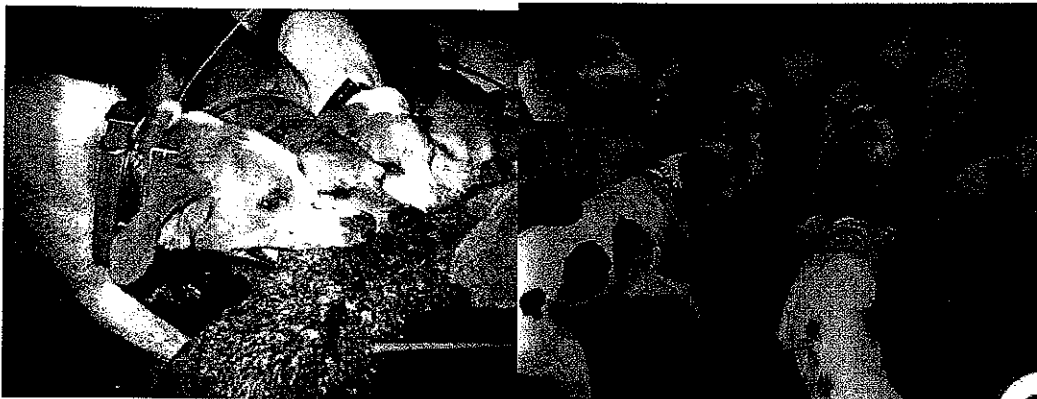
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Bobcat – soon to
Be terrorized by
The hunter's pack
of hounds.



Hounds
surround bobcat
with no hope of
escape



The hunters were proud of their photography and
This is posted on the internet for others to enjoy:

<http://nitro.20m.com/Bobcat%20hunting/Texas%20bobcat>

Pack of Hounds
finally get a chance to
tear at the bobcat

(So you think that only coyotes, bobcats, and foxes suffer?)

Posts: 2193(4/28/07 8:01 <http://p104.ezboard.com/Heh-canuck/flesboard68150frm8.showMessage?topicID=734.topic>
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The neighbors cats will be next Vargy! haha! Good luck! <>LP

This post about cats comes from: <http://p104.ezboard.com/Heh-canuck/flesboard68150frm8.showMessage?topicID=734.topic>

Sounds like my kinda terrors. My Patterdale female should pup around then too. I have a friend who is having trouble with foxes killin' her house cats. As you well know we can't have that!!!!HA!HA! Not that I ever harmed a cat (that anybody knows of!!) So Buster is going to go over and save the cats. Hope those cats go somewhere else for a couple of hours!!! Gabby, give me a call on the good old fashion telephone as I'm havin' hell with that EZ board thing. When you call me I'll call you right back as it doesn't cost me anything. My number is *****

(Even though a few of our Hoosier legislators think this is great fun and a Hoosier legislator that is a deacon believes this is jolly big fine and ok - well, these are the types of folks participating in this Hoosier money maker) HAVE YOU VEER BEEN SHOT AT???

scence last year ive been shot at by people 3 times 2 times coon hunting you know idiots shooting at barking dogs and once yote hunting a guy shot at the dogs when we were gettign them and almost got me how about yall i think the dogs have been shot at prob. 8 times scence last coon season started

[springfield185](#)

(6/18/07 6:58 pm)

Reply

Re: HAVE YOU VEER BEEN SHOT AT???

THAT HAPPENED HERE ONCE,,,JUST HIDE BEHIND A TREE TILL HE GETS CLOSER THAN LET HIM HAVE IT...GARANTEE HE WILL BE RUNNING AND SCREAMING FOR YOU TO STOPPP. KIND OF LIKE PLAYING CAMMANDO...LOL PS., IF THAT DONT WORK JUST GO BURN HIS F,,,N HOUSE DOWN...185

Winter snowfly, yrs ago. I was sitting on a gravel road a top of a high hill, glassing the section for coyote. Here came this pick-up towards me very fast, fish-tailing most the way. The guy, slams on the brakes et skids to a stop right by me. We both roll our windows down. He's yelling & cussing @ me, like a crazy man. I load my rifle. He wants to know, "What the H#LL, I'm doing on his road!" I told him, I was coyote hunting & he doesn't OWN the roadway. I used some of my own choice words ☹. Then all went silent after a bit more yelling & cussing from each of us. Then we just stared @ each other for a minute. He moved on. If he would've pointed a weapon @ me. He would've been shot right there. I don't run. <http://p104.ezboard.com/HAVE-YOU-VEER-BEEN-SHOT-AT/flesboard68150frm8.showMessage?topicID=760.topic>

BUDDY

The following was submitted by Liz Kehr of Kalispell, Montana, © 1998

On the day after Christmas 1997, I was cross-country skiing on a Forest Service road east of Kalispell, with my two dogs, Tara and Buddy. Tara is a lab-cross, and Buddy, a Newfoundland cross, who adopted me and my husband a year earlier, when he came into our lives hungry and neglected.



The day seemed perfect, and I was doing what I liked to do best ... spending time outdoors with two of my favorite companions. The bustle of the valley below escaped us, and I felt peaceful and thankful to be able to live in such a beautiful place.

I was unaware traps were lurking alongside the road and that a yellow lab had been caught by the neck in one of these traps, six days earlier. Wildlife officials and the trapper were aware of this incident, yet didn't do anything to ensure that this wouldn't happen again.

On this day, bouncing happily and carefree through the snow, Buddy was drawn to the scent of chicken bait. The peacefulness of the day was shattered by his cries of terror and pain, as his head was instantly and viciously imprisoned in the steel jaws of an animal trap. Buddy was being strangled to death. Desperately, I tried to free him, as he thrashed around in panic, entangling my legs in the anchor wire, while Tara ran madly around us in frenzied circles. I did everything I could to get the trap to release. My heart was sick because of my inability to help Buddy who was gasping for air. Eventually, I prayed for him to die quickly so that his suffering would end.

After a long struggle and many agonizing minutes for Buddy, I watched with resignation as his eyes glazed over. I knew it was time to say goodbye to this gentle companion, who had added so much happiness to my life, and I stroked his beautiful wavy black fur.

Buddy's death was cruel and unnecessary. No animal deserves to die this way. The serenity I once felt in the woods and a cherished friend have been taken away. His memory now lives on through our many caring friends.

About those disappearing cats and dogs ... here are a few clips from hunter chat lines – more are distributed throughout this packet which talk about “trash” and “domestics” caught in traps.

http://www.hoosierhunting.com/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=get_topic...

Author

gundude
Moderator
Member # 1322

Member Rated:
★★★★★

Topic: PLEASE HELP SAVE THE FERAL CATS!

📅 posted October 27, 2005 10:09 AM 📧 📧 📧 📧 “ ”

?We need your help here and the cats need it to! We are asking for monetary donations and cat food so we can feed these poor neglected animals then spay or neuter them before we turn them back out in the wild!?

↑
This is a radio ad that is now running on the local AM radio station?

I swear my head is going to just explode if I have to live here much longer!!!!!!.... good lord, what next!

Swift One
Hoosier Hunter
Member # 1440

Member Rated:
★★★★★

📅 posted October 29, 2005 10:26 AM 📧 📧 📧 📧 “ ”

Let them release them, As a matter of fact, I have some properties in Porter, LaPorte, and Starke counties that they can release them in!!!

Ferals are P.U.T.s (Pop Up Targets) ←

Posts: 157 | From: **Westville, Indiana** | Registered: **Aug 2005** | IP: Logged | 📧 Report Post

📅 posted October 27, 2005 10:26 AM 📧 📧 📧 📧 “ ”

best little targets around 📍 I catch 15-20 feral cats every year on the trapline. They all get released...after a little hot lead in the ear!

Scott Wildlife Control
(317) 936-5348
"solutions to wildlife conflicts"



→ **trapperDave**
Moderator
Member # 512

Member Rated:
★★★★★

<http://www.bowsite.com/BOWSITE/TF/REGIONAL/thread.cfm?threadid=127747&MESSAGES=7...>

From: 9POINT..... 📧 📧 📧 Date: 13-Jun-06

I have a lot of stray dogs that run loose in my area and am looking for some ideas on how to rid myself of them.

I don't like them crusing the woods and they do come in my yard when my children are playing. I have tried scaring them off but they just come back.

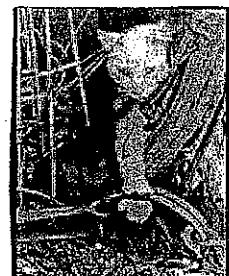
The problem is I am not home all the time to keep a watch, otherwise I would just introduce them to some buck shot.

My wife wants me to put out a present of dog food and antifreeze for them. She afraid they might bite one of the kids when they are playing outside. Would leveing the "bad" dog food outside be a problem? I don't want any other animals to get into it and get sick.

Does any body have any other ideas?

From: BearBow..... 📧 📧 📧 Date: 14-Jun-06

.44 mag. I have found works great!!!!



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Hunting Coyotes With an American Pitbull Terrier

Yep, that's right, using the American Pitbull Terrier for hunting! There comes a time when just about every owner/breeder of APBTs wonders what it would be like to use one of their dogs for something other than canine combat. I not only wondered about it, I tried using APBTs for all kind of things, from protection work to retrieving. What follows is a description of one of those times.

Before I continue, let me say that the following story occurred during a time when Coyotes were reeking havoc on livestock and their numbers were way out of proportion to what was considered natural for the area we hunt. There was even a bounty put on coyotes by most of the ranchers. Are you ready?

Once upon a time, in a land far away, called Arizona, I was approached by a friend, who was a champion caller of varmints. We were sitting outside talking dogs, as usual, and he asked me how a bulldog would do against a couple of coyotes, if he were to call them in. I told him I had no idea, but thought it might be fun to find out. We talked about it for some time and decided the following weekend we'd try it with one of my dogs. I had about 40+ dogs at the time to choose from, but the task of finding the right type of dog was not easy.

During the week, I had a hard time picking the kind of dog I thought would work. On the one hand, I wanted a really game dog, but not one that would scream at everything he/she saw. On the other hand, I wanted a dog that would kick some major ass when the chips were

down. The days went by and finally I decided on a male, MURPHY, a son of **Gr. Ch. PEDRO**, set at 58lbs and game to the core. He wasn't a real hard biting dog, nor did he have a lot of talent, but I knew for sure he'd NEVER quit! He was one of those dogs that was intense but never made a sound, just what I needed for some stealth hunting in the desert of Arizona.

I called my friend and asked what time we should leave for the spot he had picked, that I had a good one to try. We decided on 4:30 am, giving us about 1 1/2 hours to get to our destination. Prior to leaving, I followed his instructions and bathed with a special soap that is supposed to eliminate or at least greatly diminish the human scent. We finally made it up into the hills and found a place he deemed suitable for calling in some dogs. Armed with shotguns, but hoping to just watch the action, see heads popping up over the cactus, or is that cacti. As they got closer I could feel Murphy start to tense up and let out a small whine as if he knew what was about to happen. For those of you who have never hunted a predator, they are called in by someone making the sound of something dying, like a rabbit screaming for it's life. The end result is that the coyotes think they're about to find something to eat. As a result, YOU are the food. It's enough to give you heart failure if you've never seen it before!

Several coyotes hit the small clearing just in front of us and when they did, I let MURPHY go. They were about 15 yards from where we were sitting. Murphy hit the lead coyote like a freight train and when he did, one of other coyotes grabbed him from behind, getting a firm stifle hold. Meanwhile, MURPHY had the lead coyote by the head and was shaking like a paint shaker! He got into the throat and it was soon total mayhem as I couldn't get a clear shot at the coyote on his stifle. MURPHY finally let go of the lead dog and turned to get other one on his stifle, which he did, also by the head. The first dog was barely able to move and when he started to escape, my hunting partner nailed him with his shotgun. The other coyotes took off, but MURPHY still had a firm grip on his dog. The coyote was in the fight of his life. We watched the action for a few minutes and decided it was cruel to let MURPHY do any more, so we dispensed with the second coyote.

There were several quite a few more hunting trips after that one, and they were all the same. Whatever bulldog we used, the coyotes were never a match!

I'm not the author.... Just love the story....

Mickey351



That sounds like alot of fun, I wouldnt mind trying it

This is from a Porter County hunter.

SSS =

Shoot
Shovel
Shut-Up



From: JTV..... [X] [X] [X] Date: 14-Jun-06

I have no tolerance for free ranging mutts. I was mauled by one as a kid and took 69 stiches to the head when I was 6yrs old. A collared dog gets a pass, if it looks like a cared for hunting dog..it gets a pass. If its a stray or wild....SSS.... simple as that....Jeff

From: BearBow..... [X] [X] [X] Date: 14-Jun-06

JTV.....

That's what I'm talkin' bout!!!

Bam!! ←



Re: Money in Trapping

Post by possum on Today at 3:56pm

<http://trappersfreedom.proboards31.com/index.cgi?board=Pics&act...>

I respect Doc Wendt and the very few others who actually trap for profit and end up making a profit. That's a tough job and few can do it. Personally, I trap because I enjoy it. I like catching \$1.00 possums and I like catching \$35 coyotes. I also catch \$3.00 coyotes, but it's my time, my gas and my recreation. Because of last year's high muskrat prices there were a few properties this year where I was still welcome to trap coyotes but "me and the kids" are going to trap muskrats. Good luck, sucker. You'll be surprised to find out the 100 rat per mile ditches you had when you were a kid are now 2 rat per mile drains. You'll also find out those \$10 rats aren't worth peanuts this year if you can find a place to sell them. (No local furbuyers in this county.) Besides, the last 100 RPM ditch in my territory was cleaned 2 years ago and may produce 20 RPMs this year. Maybe.

If coon prices went to \$40 and coyotes to \$75 these same suckers would be ousting me for themselves, their kids or their no-account brother-in-law. Doesn't matter I've offered to take them, their kids and their no-account relative along with me just for the fun of it, over and again. Too cold, too hot, football game, always some excuse, but sure as chit, put a big buck on the price of a pelt and the greedy SOBs will be coming out of the woodwork. Sure, I wish I could get rich trapping. Ain't gonna happen any more than gas is going to sell for 99.9 cents. I'll market where I can, catch as much as I can afford to spend on my trapline and be happy with the next grinner that steps on the trap pan.